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1. Every member of the Conference is expected to be in his place, and answer to his name at roll call on the first and on each subsequent day, and remain during the transaction of business, unless called away and excused; and he shall have his statistics and reports ready for presentation on the first morning.

2. Any member who desires to speak on any subject, shall rise in his place and address the chair, and speak only with the permission of the chair, and not longer than ten minutes, unless by consent of the Conference, and not the second time until all who wish have spoken.

3. It shall not be in order to interrupt any member while speaking, unless for the purpose of explanation, or on claim of misrepresentation, or to raise a point of order, and only then by leave of the chair.

4. Motions shall take precedence in the following order, viz: to lay on the table; to postpone indefinitely; to postpone to a given time; to recommit; to amend; to substitute for, and to take the previous question; and motions to lay on the table, to postpone, and the previous question, shall not be debatable.

5. Whenever a point of order is raised, he who makes it shall, if desired, reduce it to writing; and all motions, resolutions and reports of committees shall be written and presented in *duplicate*, unless the Secretaries agree to waive this rule.

6. Each preacher shall be expected to take all the collections ordered by the General Conference, and in addition to the usual quarterly lovefeast collection, he shall, in all his appointments, take an annual one for Conference Claimants.

7. Each candidate for admission in full, or on trial, into the Conference, and also for Election to Deacons' or Elders' Orders, shall be asked by the Bishop presiding, "Do you use Tobacco?" and if he answer in the affirmative, he shall not be admitted nor elected, unless he pledge himself to abandon its use.

8. A. The committee to examine each class shall consist of four members, and at least two of these shall be reappointed to aid in examining the same class the next year.

B. The day preceding the opening of each session of Conference shall be fixed for the examination of undergraduates, and the first Friday of each session for that of candidates for admission, and for local preachers for orders.

C. At least six hours shall be devoted to examining each class, and attention shall be given to brevity and precision in the answers, and all rambling discussions are to be avoided.

D. The answers shall be marked on a scale of figures from 0 to 10—6 indicating a passable examination, and the examiners shall in their reports specify the grade in each study as well as the average; and any candidate failing to reach the grade of 6 in any study, or to read any book specified in the course, shall be continued for re-examination in that deficiency, and it shall be at the option of the examiners to refuse to examine any one, who fails to be present at the appointed time.

E. Written sermons required in the course shall be sent to the chairman of the committee at least ten days before the day of examination.

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[Taken from last year.]

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Second Year—M. P. Wilkin, O. H. Clark, W. D. Mabry, C. E. Cline.

Third Year—I. A. Smith, W. H. Tyner, G. W. Butler, D. W. Phillips.

Fourth Year—J. A. Baird, A. B. Nisbet, C. W. Sabin, J. W. Nall.

Of Candidates for Admission.

A. Ransom, J. W. Lane, W. Wallis, J. A. Robinson.

Of Local Preachers for Deacons' Orders.

D. Caughlin, S. Brooks, W. F. Whitaker, T. A. Eaton.

Of Local Deacons for Elders' Orders.

G. M. Farmer, M. House, S. P. Groves, J. Gibson.

Triers of Appeals.

E. Joy, R. H. Massey, A. Ransom, J. A. Robinson, J. W. Lowe, T. A. Eaton, J. H. Hill.

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Memoirs—R. H. Massey, W. S. Sly, G. W. Hughey, S. T. Maxey.

Class Meetings—C. E. Cline, J. B. Reynolds, H. Sears, C. J. Houts, C. Nash, D. Williamson.

District Conference Journals—O. H. Clark, E. A. Hoyt, R. Allyn.

Special Appointments.

To Preach Missionary Sermon at next Session of Conference.

C. E. Cline.

Alternate—O. H. Clark.

To Preach Annual Sermon.

J. H. Hill.

Alternate—A. B. Nisbet.

Visitors to McKendree College.

R. Allyn, D. D., J. L. Wallar, F. L. Thomson,
F. M. Van Treese, G. M. Hughey, R. H. Manier,
C. E. Cline, T. H. Herdman, W. D. Mabry,

Alternates—J. B. Thompson, B. R. Pierce, G. W. Waggoner.
I. A. Smith, W. F. Davis, J. H. Hill,
W. F. Whitaker, G. W. Butler.

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R. Allyn, D. D., C. Nash.

Treasurer of Monumental Fund.

F. L. Thompson.

List of Appointments.

ALTON DISTRICT.

G. W. Hughey, P. E.

Alton—F. L. Thomson.
Brighton and Paradise—J. B. Reynolds, J. A. Scarritt.
Brighton Circuit—R. Z. Fahs.
Bunker Hill—W. S. Sly.
Donaldson—E. Treadgold.
Edwardsville—W. H Scott.
Edwardsville Circuit—R. H. Massey.
Elsah—G. W. Farmer.
Fidelity and Piasa—N. E. Harmon.
Fieldon—H. Delicate.
Gillespie—S. P. Groves.
Grafton—McK. DeMotte, (Supply.
Greencastle—W. B. Bruner.
Jerseyville—D. W. Phillips.
Kane—A. L. Greenlaw.
Litchfield—J. D. Gillham.
Litchfield Circuit—A. L. Howren.
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Belleville Circuit—E. R. West, (supply).
Carlyle—A. Bliss.
Clement—J. A. Thrapp.
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East St. Louis—D. Caughlin.
Freeburg—J. P. Yungling.
Greenville—J. Gibson.
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Nashville—J. H. Hill.
Okawville—C. J. Houts.
Pocahontas—J. Laird.
Shiloh—S. Walker.
Trenton—W. Van Cleve.
Troy—G. W. Cullom.
Waterloo—J. Weeden.
Wisetown—W. H. Tyner.
J. W. Locke, President of McKendree College; O. V. Jones, Professor in McKendree College; F. O. Blair, Agent of American Bible Society; all members of Lebanon Quarterly Conference.

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Carmi—E. A Hoyt.
Elizabethtown—P. S. Hooker.
Enfield—J. J. Boyer.
Equality—J. H. McGriff.
Golconda—J. L. Cunningham.
Grayville—C. P. Wilson.
Harrisburg—J. R. Reef.
Liberty—H. Hutchcraft, (supply).
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McLeansboro Circuit—Wm. McMonow.
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Middleton— E. Root, (Supply).
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Opdyke—L. F. Cullom.
Shawneetown—J. B. Thompson.
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Benton—G. W. Wilson.
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Steeleville—R. M. Laughlin.
Tamaroa—A. L. Downey.
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Ullin—S. T. Maxey.
Woodlawn—L. Gifford, (supply).

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Xenia—T. J. Massey.

SUMMARY OF

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1—*How many have entered the Conference by transfer or re-admission?*

ANSWER—Wm. E. Ravenscroft and G. C. Jameson re-admitted, J. H. McGriff transferred from Holston Conference.

QUESTION 2—*Who are admitted on trial?*

ANSWER—George A. Seed, Perry C. Bascom, Olin B. Rippetoe.

QUESTION 3—*Who remain on trial?*

ANSWER—Charles S. Royse, Abner L. Howren, George W. Wilson, Naaman Bascom, Thomas J. Massey, Joseph L. Cunningham, Edward Root.

QUESTION 4—*Who are admitted into full connection?*

ANSWER—N. B. Cooksey, R. H. Manier, J. W. Flint, John Laird, Nelson Stauffer, C. P. Wilson, C. C. Young.

QUESTION 5—*Who are deacons of the first class?*

ANSWER—Nicias B. Cooksey, R. H. Manier, J. W. Flint, John Laird, Nelson Stauffer, Charles P. Wilson, Charles C. Young.

QUESTION 6—*Who are the deacons of the second class?*

ANSWER—W. F. Brown, David Moore, James A. Hampton,* Allen Bartley.

QUESTION 7—*Who are elected to Elder's orders?*

ANSWER—L. F. Cullom, C. B. Holding, S. J. Harrington, J. B. Thompson, E. May, J. D. Reeder, J. E. Rippetoe, V. C. Evers.

QUESTION 8—*Who are the supernumerary preachers?*

ANSWER—J. A. Scarritt, J. W. Brannine, L. S. Walker, H. Nelson, Wm. M. Owen, M. N. Powers, A. B. Rohrbaugh, R. Thatcher, V. C. Evers, D. B. Van Winkle, H Manifold, W. A. Browder, T. N. Johnson, G. W. Cullom, W. H. Tyner, J. M. Romine, G. M. Whitsel.

QUESTION 9—*Who are the superannuated preachers?*

ANSWER—J. Gillham, W. L. Deneen, R. Randle, C. F. Jay, D. Oglesby, Simeon Walker, D. Williamson, H B. Taylor, F. M Woolard, J. T. Johnson, G. W. Robbins, J. B. Woolard, J. B. Corrington, James Johnson, T. C. Lopas, C. M. Holliday, J. C. Greene, A. B. Nisbet.

QUESTION 10—*Was the character of each preacher examined?*

ANSWER—It was.

QUESTION 11—*Who have located this year?*

ANSWER—J. C. Baldridge. G. C. Jameson.

QUESTION 12—*Have any withdrawn?*

ANSWER—None have done so in proper form.

*Elder.

QUESTION 13—*Who have been transferred and to what Conference?*

ANSWER—

QUESTION 14—*Have any been expelled?*

ANSWER—A. C. Flescher.

QUESTION 15—*Have any died?*

ANSWER—None.

QUESTION 16—*What is the statistical report?*

ANSWER—See Statistical Tables, Nos. I and II.

QUESTION 17—*What amounts are necessary to make up the claims of the superannuated preachers, the widows and orphans, and to supply the deficiencies of preachers' allowance?*

ANSWER—For the superannuated preachers, widows and orphans, $4506.68. No estimate has been made for the deficiencies of effective preachers.

QUESTION 18—*How much has been received on the foregoing account and how has it been applied?*

ANSWER—$1126.67. See Steward's Report.

QUESTION 19—*Have any Local Preachers been ordained?*

ANSWER—John Chambers and G. W. Wilson.

QUESTION 20—*Are any of our Theological or Literary Institutions under the control and patronage of this Conference, and what is their condition?*

ANSWER—Garrett Biblical Institute, at Evanston Illinois, and McKendree College, at Lebanon, Illinois. See Reports of Visiting and Educational Committees.

QUESTION 21—*Who are the Conference Board of Church Extension?*

ANSWER—See "Officers of Conference Societies."

QUESTION 22—*Where are the preachers stationed?*

ANSWER—See "List of Appointments,"

QUESTION 23—*Where, and when shall the next Conference be held?*

ANSWER—At Alton; time not given.

Certificate of Ordination.

I hereby certify that,

John Laird,	N. B. Cooksey,
C. C. Young,	N. Stauffer,
C. P. Wilson,	J. Chambers,

Were ordained Deacons; and that,

L. F. Cullom,	C. B. Holding,
S. J. Harrington,	J. B. Thompson,
E. May,	J. D. Reeder,
V. C. Evers,	J. E. Rippetoe,

Were ordained Elders in Mt. Vernon, Ills., yesterday, Sabbath, September 23d, 1877.

(Signed,) JESSE T. PECK.

Mt. Vernon, Ills., Sept. 24th, 1877.

Conference Anniversaries.

Sunday School Anniversary, Friday, September 21, at 3 P. M. I. A. Smith presided. Minutes as read by R. Z. Fahs, secretary, approved. L. S. Walker, treasurer, submitted report, showing an increase of $66.22 in receipts over last year. Officers for ensuing year elected. Address by Rev. W. D. Mabry.

Tract Society held Anniversary exercises in connection with Sunday School Union. Secretary and Treasurer submitted reports, which were approved. Officers elected. Address by Rev. E. A. Hoyt.

Ministerial Educational Society held Anniversary Friday, September 21, at 7½ P. M. Minutes approved. Treasurer's report showed total receipts $202.82. Auditing Committee reported receipts and expenditures equal and commended Custodians. Bishop Peck addressed the Society.

Anniversary of Freedmen's Aid Society at 3 P. M., Sept. 22, 1877. L. Casey in chair. Reports of Secretary and Treasurer read and adopted. Officers elected. Dr. Fry addressed the Society.

Missionary Anniversary at 7½ P. M., Saturday, Sept. 22. Conducted in the usual order. Treasurer's report showed the gratifying increase of $340 21 in receipts. Officers elected. Rev. F. M. Van Treese addressed the audience.

Church Extension Board had exercises in connection with Missionary Anniversary. Increased receipts reported. Address by C. T. Pace, Treasurer of Board.

Missionary Sermon preached Thursday, Sept. 20, at 7½ P. M., from Matt. vi: 10, by J. A. Robinson, D.D.

Sermons were preached during the session by Revs. R. W. Laughlin, A. Snell, W. Tilroe, J. A. Baird, Bishop Peck, J. W. Locke, B. St. J. Fry, J. L. Wallar and E. West.

For the management of the Conference Societies see "Officers of Conference Societies." For their work see footings of Statistical Tables.

II. JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY.

MT. VERNON, THURSDAY, Sept. 20, 1877.

The Southern Illinois Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened for its Twenty-sixth Session at Mt. Vernon, Jefferson County, Ill., at 8½ o'clock A. M., September 20, 1877.

The Bishop appointed to preside, Jesse T. Peck, took the chair and opened the Conference with religious exercises, reading the fourth chapter of II. Corinthians, and announcing the two hundred and ninteenth hymn. After the singing of this, the Bishop led in prayer.

The Bishop proceeded to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, assisted by the Presiding Elders and other brethren. A short recess was then taken.

The Roll of Conference was called by T. H. Herdman, Secretary of the last session, and the following members, then or subsequently, answered to their names:

R. Allyn, J. A. Baird, J. C. Baldridge, F. O. Blair, A. Bliss, C. W. Bonner, C. N. Bottorff, J. J. Boyers, S. Brooks, W. F. Brown, W. A Browder, W. B. Bruner, G. W. Butler, J. W. Caldwell, R. M. Carter, L. Casey, D. Caughlin, O. H. Clark, C. E. Cline, G. W. Cullom, L. F. Cullom, W. F. Davis, T. J. Davis, W. C. Dickson, A. L. Downey, J. Earp, T. A. Eaton, L. C. English, V. C. Evers, R. Z. Fahs, J. W. Field, G. W. Farmer, J. H. Garrett, J. Gibson, J. D. Gillham, A. L. Greenlaw, S. P. Groves, S. J. Harrington, J. A. Hampton, N. E. Harmon, L. A. Harper, J. Harris, T. H. Herdman, J. H. Hill, J. Hobbs, C. B. Holding, P. S. Hooker, M. House, E. A. Hoyt, J. T. Johnson, T. N. Johnson, E. Joy, M. L. King, J. W. Lane, E. Lathrop, R. W. Laughlin, J. Leeper, V. D. Lingenfelter, C. D. Lingenfelter, J. W. Locke, W. D. Mabry, W. McMorrow, H. Manifold, R. H. Massey, S. T. Maxey, E. May, D. Moore, A. B. Morrison, A. P. Morrison, J. W. Nall, C. Nash, A. B. Nisbet, W. M. Owen, B. R. Pierce, D. W. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, R. Randle, A. Ransom, J. B. Ravenscroft, J. D. Reeder, J. R. Reef, J. B. Reynolds, J E. Rippetoe, G. W. Robbins, J. A. Robinson, A. B. Rohrbaugh, J. M. Romine, C. W. Sabine, J. A. Scarritt, G. W. Scawthon, H. Sears, W. S. Sly, I. A. Smith, A. Snell, F. L. Thomson, J. B. Thompson, J. A. Thrapp, W. Tilroe, C. J. T. Tolle, E. Treadgold, W. VanCleve, F. M. Van Treese, D. B. Van Winkle, G. W. Waggoner, L. S. Walker, Samuel Walker, Simeon Walker, J. L. Wallar, W. Wallis, J. Weeden, W. F. Whitaker, M. P. Wilkin, J. B. Woolard, J. P. Yungling.

The Secretary of the last session, T. H. Herdman, was re-elected by acclamation, and by the same process the Assistant Secretaries, O. H. Clark, J. D. Gillham, W. D. Mabry and F. M. Van Treese were chosen.

W. Wallis was in like manner elected Statistical Secretary, and E. A. Hoyt Assistant.

The Rules of Order of last Session were adopted.

The hour of meeting was fixed at 8:30 A. M., and that of adjournment at 12 M. Devotional exercises of half an hour were appointed to precede opening.

The Bar of Conference was fixed at the rear of the third window from the pulpit.

The Committee on Standing Committees submitted their report. This was adopted. See Standing Committees.

The Bishop introduced Dr. Hitchcock, Agent of the Western M. E. Book Concern, who addressed the Conference in the interests of our publications.

The call for Statistics was made by calling the roll, and was responded to by nearly all the pastors.

The Conference was authorized to draw upon the Chartered Fund for $30 and the draft was ordered.

The Eighth Question, "*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*" was taken up, and the characters of the following brethren were passed, and their relation continued:

J. A. Scarritt, G. W. Brannine, L. S. Walker, H. Nelson, W. M. Owen, R. Thatcher, M. N. Powers.

The Ninth Question, "*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*" was taken up, and the characters of the following brethren were passed, and their relation continued:

J. Gillham, C. F. Jay, W. L. Deneen, R. Randle, D. Oglesby, S. Walker, D. Williamson, H. B. Taylor, F. M. Woolard, J. T. Johnson, G. W. Robbins, J. B. Woolard, J. B. Corrington, J. Johnson, T. C. Lopas, C. M. Holliday.

A paper from Brother Holliday was read, and a Committee of three was ordered to consider his claim and confer with the Board of Stewards.

G. W. Cullom was made Supernumerary with an appointment.

A communication from the First Charge, Springfield, was read and referred to the Board of Stewards.

Voted that all such papers be referred to the Stewards without reading.

A paper from Garrett Biblical Institute was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

A communication from the New York and Western M. E. Book Concerns was read, and referred to the appropriate Committee.

A communication from the Book Agents with reference to Episcopal salaries, stating the amount assessed to this Conference to be $495, and urging immediate steps to be taken for its collection, was referred to the Presiding Elders.

The report of Book Committee was referred, with Annual Exhibit of Book Concern, to Committee on Western Book Accounts.

A communication from Dr. Rust with reference to Freedmen's Aid Society, was read and with Annual Report was referred to Committee on Freedmen's Aid.

A resolution allowing Pastors, when reporting their Missionary Collections, to state whether all the Disciplinary Collections have been taken and the whole amount raised, was laid on the table.

The rule adopted last year, with reference to hearing excuses from brethren who have not taken the Disciplinary Collections was reaffirmed.

The Tenth Question, "*Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?*" was taken up.

After the passage of his character, J. Earp, Presiding Elder of Alton District, made report of his district.

The characters of the following Elders were passed:

F. L. Thomson, J. B. Reynolds, G. W. Waggoner, E. A. Hoyt, T. A. Eaton, A. L. Greenlaw, N. E. Harmon, L. C. English, D. W. Phillips, R. Z. Fahs, A. P. Morrison, J. Weeden, S. P. Groves, W. S. Sly.

Rev. — — McComb, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Mt. Vernon, was introduced.

The Bishop announced the Committee in the case of C. M. Holliday as follows: R. H. Massey, W. VanCleve, H. Sears.

Dr. Hitchcock addressed the Conference at length upon our publishing interests.

Bro. Harris was excused from serving as Treasurer of Ministerial Education Fund, and D. W. Phillips was appointed in his place.

After the passage of his character, A. B. Morrison, Presiding Elder of Lebanon District, made report of his district.

Committees were called, notices were given, and Conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. Hitchcock.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, September 21, 1877.

Conference met at 8½ o'clock A. M., preceded by a prayer meeting of half an hour, conducted by Bro. G W. Hughey; the Bishop, Jesse T. Peck, in the Chair.

The Secretary called the Roll. Voted to dispense with its further calling.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read, corrected and approved.

The Eighth Question was resumed, and J. C. Baldridge's character passed and he was granted a location at his own request.

A. B Rohrbaugh's character passed and his relation continued.

V. C. Evers' character passed and relation continued.

The Tenth Question was resumed, and the characters of the following Elders were passed, they reporting their missionary collections:

J. W. Phillips, G. W. Hughey, S. Walker, R. H. Massev, W. VanCleve, A. Bliss, J. A. Thrapp, J. Gibson, W. B. Bruner, G. W. Grabe, F. M. VanTreese, G. W. Farmer, H. Sears, F. O. Blair, J. P. Yungling, J. W. Locke, O. V. Jones.

After the passage of his character, B. R. Pierce, Presiding Elder of Mt. Vernon district, made report of his district.

The characters of the following Elders were passed; they reporting their missionary collections:

C. E. Cline, S. Brooks, W. McMorrow, S. T. Maxey, W. H. Tyner, D. Caughlin, J. D. Gillham, E. Treadgold, J. W. VanCleve, J. A. Robinson, J. W. Lowe, G. W Butler, A. Campbell, E. Lathrop, A. L. Downey, M. P. Wilkin, M. House, R. W. Laughlin, T. J. Davis, R. Allyn.

After the passage of his character, W. F. Davis, Presiding Elder of Vandalia district, made report of his district.

The characters of the following Elders were passed, they reporting their missionary collections:

A. Ransom, A. Snell, O. H. Clark, W. Wallis, L. A. Harper, W. F. Whitaker, D. B. VanWinkle, J. P. Rutherford. T. H. Herdman, H. Manifold. J. W. Nall, D. Elam, I. A. Smith. C. N. Bottorff, L. Casey.

H. Manifold and D. B. VanWinkle were granted a supernumerary relation without appointment.

After the passage or his character, J. Leeper, Presiding Elder of the Olney district, made report of his district.

The characters of the following Elders were passed, they reporting their missionary collections:

J. W. Lane, C. D. Lingenfelter, C. W. Sabine, J. H. Hill, W. D. Mabry, M. L. King, V. D. Lingenfelter, J. J. Boyer, W. C. Dickson, W. Tilroe, C. Nash, R. M. Carter. C. J. T. Tolle, J. B. Ravenscroft.

The case of A. C. Flescher was laid over for the present.

Rev. J. W. Bushong, of the St. Louis Conference, and Rev. A. B. Rohrbaugh, transferred from the West Virginia Conference, were introduced.

A committee of three on Episcopal Residence, to confer with Bro. Bushong, was ordered.

After the passage of his character, J. Harris, Presiding elder of Mt. Carmel district, made report of his district.

The characters of the following Elders were passed, they reporting their missionary collections:

J. L. Wallar, E. Joy, A. B. Nisbet, G. W. Scawthon, J. R. Reef, J. W. Field, P. S. Hooker, J. A. Baird, J. Hobbs, J. H. Garrett, C. J. Houts, R. H. Manier.

W. A. Browder and T. N. Johnson were granted a supernumerary ralation.

J. C. Greene was granted a superannuated relation.

The Bishop announced the Committee on Episcopal Residence to confer with Bro. Bushong as follows: J. W. Phillips, H. Sears, J. Earp.

The name of A. C. Flescher being called, a charge of Bigamy was presented against him by J. W. Lane. A court of nine was ordered to investigate the charge, which was announced by the Bishop as follows:

R. Allyn, to preside; A. B. Nisbet, J. A. Robinson, C. D. Lingenfelter, T. A. Eaton, M. L. King, G. W. Waggoner, J. Gibson, J. H. Hill; G. W. Hughey. W. D. Mabry was appointed to represent the accused; and J. W. Lane the Church.

The Sixth Question—Who are the Deacons of the Second Class?—was taken up, and the following brethren, after report of Committee on Examination, representation by their Presiding Elders and approval of character, were continued as Deacons of the Second Class. W. F. Brown, J. A. Hampton, D. Moore.

W. H. Scott, who is an Elder, was also approved.

The Seventh Question—Who are elected to Elder's orders?—was taken up.

The characters of the following brethren were passed, and after report of the Committee of Examination, representation by their Presiding Elders and

satisfactory reply to the Conference question on Tobacco, they were elected to Elder's Orders:

L. F. Cullom, C. B. Holding, S. J. Harrington, J. B. Thompson, E. May, J. D. Reeder, W. H. Scott, J. E. Rippetoe, V. C. Evers.

Bro. Thompson appeared before Committees of 3d and 4th years. Bro Scott passed a satisfactory examination one year in advance. A. Bartley was continued a Deacon of the Second Class at his own request. G. M. Whitsel and M. Romine were not before the Committee of Examination. At their request they were granted a supernumerary relation.

The Third Question—*Who remain on trial?*—was taken up, and the following brethren, after report, representation and approval of character were continued: Abner L. Howren, George W. Wilson, Naaman Bascom. Bro. Bascom having fallen below the average, was required to be re-examined in Mental Philosophy and to write another sermon. Thomas J. Massey was required to be re-examined on Christian Perfection. Joseph L. Cunningham was required to be re examined on Christian Perfection. Edward Root was required to write another sermon.

On motion, the rule respecting the scale of examination was re-considered, and the following substitute adopted:

Rule D. The answers shall be marked in a scale of figures from 0 to 10, 6 indicating a passable examination; and the examiners shall, in their reports, specify the grade in each study as well as the average; and any candidate failing to reach the required grade of 6 in any study, or to read any book specified in the course, shall be continued for re-examination in that deficiency; and it shall be at the option of the examiners to examine any one who fails to be present at the appointed time.

The Committee on Pastoral Address presented their report, which was read and adopted.

The committee in Bro. Holliday's case made their report. Adopted.

The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Bro. J. C. Baldridge has been constrained to retire from the Conference; therefore,

Resolved, That the good wishes of the Conference will go with him into his retirement, and that we will heartily receive him should a merciful Providence open the way for his return to the itinerant work.

On motion, a special committee of three to consider the paper concerning the East St. Louis church, consisting of Dr. Allyn, Geo. W. Hughey and R. H. Massey, was appointed.

The Bishop announced that he would address the candidates for admission into full connection at 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow, and made remarks congratulating the Conference upon their fidelity to the disciplinary requirements concerning the collections, and the promptness with which they made their reports.

Committees were called, notices were given, and the benediction was pronounced by Bro. T. A. Eaton.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, Sept. 22, 1877.

Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock, A. M., devotional exercises of half an hour, conducted by Bro. F. L. Thompson, having preceded. Bishop Peck in the chair.

The Minutes of yesterday's Session were read, corrected and approved.

O. H. Clark and E A. Hoyt were excused from the Committee on District Conference Records, and G. W. Farmer and J. B. Thompson were appointed in their places.

The Stewards made report of estimates as follows: $4506.68, and collections $1126.67.

Bro. Joy, on behalf of Stewards, moved that the Love Feast Collection on Sunday morning be for the benefit of Sister A. C. Flescher, who has been abandoned by her husband.

On motion of Bro. Joy, Miss Ollie Shepherd, an afflicted daughter of Rev. Moses Shepherd, deceased, formerly of this Conference, was adopted as Conference Ward.

Voted that Bro. E. Joy be appointed Conference guardian of Miss Shepherd.

The Report of the Executive Committee of McKendree College was referred to the Committee on Education.

The Second Question, "*Who are Admitted on Trial?*" was taken up.

After Report of the Examining Committee, representation by the Presiding Elders, introduction to the Conference and satisfactory reply to the Conference question on Tobacco, the following were admitted, namely:

From Olney District, George A. Seed; from Vandalia District, Perry C. Bascom, Olin B. Rippetoe.

C. N. Bottorff was granted leave of absence during remainder of this morning's session.

The First Question, "*How many have entered this Conference by Re-admission or Transfer?*" was taken up.

After introduction to the Conference and satisfactory reply to the Conference question on Tobacco, the following were re-admitted, namely:

From Olney District, W. E. Ravenscroft; from Mt. Vernon District, George C. Jameson.

Recommendations of Local Preachers for Deacon's Orders were called for. The following were presented and the brethren called forward, introduced to the Conference by the Bishop, and after satisfactory reply to the Conference question on Tobacco, were disposed of as follows:

From Olney District, John Chambers was elected to Deacon's Orders; from Mt. Carmel District, John Lunn not having been before the Committee of Examination, was not elected. James Barrett having failed in his examination, was not elected.

Recommendations for Elder's Orders were called for, and the following was presented:

From Lebanon District, William F. Swahlen.

The Committee on Examination reported, but being absent, his Presiding El-

der represented him, and he was elected to Elder's Orders, his ordination being conditioned upon satisfactory reply to the Conference question on Tobacco.

The Special Committee on Episcopal Residence, appointed to confer with Bro. Bushong, presented their report. Bro. Bushong addressed the Conference upon the matter of the Report. Remarks, seasonable and earnest, were added by the Bishop, after which the Report was adopted by a rising vote.

A special collection amounting to $43.00 was raised for the benefit of Miss Ollie Shepherd, the Conference Ward, and paid the guardian, Bro. Joy.

A Committee to act with the Presiding Elders on the Episcopal Residence, consisting of J. W. Lane, F. L. Thomson and A. B. Nisbet, was appointed.

J. W. Phillips made his report as Treasurer of Monumental Fund, and paid over to the Secretary $12.00, at the same time presenting his resignation. F. L. Thomson was elected in his place.

The Order of the Day having arrived, the Candidates for Admission were called forward, when the Bishop propounded the usual Disciplinary questions, and delivered an earnest address.

Voted to extend the time of the session.

Fourth Question, "*Who are Admitted into Full Connection?*" was taken up.

After the Report of Committee of Examination, representation by their Presiding Elders, approval of their characters and satisfactory reply to the Conference question on Tobacco, Nicias B. Cocksey, who is a Deacon; Robert H. Manier, who is an Elder; John Laird, who was elected to Deacon's Orders; John W. Flint, who is a Deacon; Charles P. Wilson, Nelson Stauffer and Charles C. Young, who were elected to Deacon's Orders, were admitted.

Recommendations for Elder's Orders were called for, and George C. Jameson, having passed a satisfactory examination in the studies of the fourth year in the St. Louis Conference, was elected to Elder's Orders.

Voted that an afternoon session of Conference be held, at 2 o'clock, to be devoted to Memorial Services.

The report of the Committee on Education was presented and read, but laid over for action until Monday morning.

The report of the Board of Managers of the Ministerial Education Society was presented and read and adopted.

The Fourteenth Question, "*Who have been Expelled this Year?*" was taken up.

The select number appointed by the Bishop to investigate the case of A. C. Flescher, reported the specification and charge sustained and declared him expelled from the Ministry and membership of the Church.

J. Gibson was appointed an Auditing Committee on Presiding Elder's Accounts.

J. D. Reeder was made effective.

Notices were given, and Conference adjourned with benediction by Bro. E. Lathrop.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 o'clock.

Conference convened in Special Session for Memorial Services, Brother W. G. Hughey in the Chair. Opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Bro. Caughlin. The President announced the object of the Session.

Bro. Sly, of the Committee on Memoirs, read a sketch of the late Mrs. Louisa Ravenscroft. Remarks were made by Bros. Dickson, Hill, Whitaker and Brooks. The congregation joined in singing "My days are gliding swiftly by."

Bro. Massey read a Memoir of Mrs. J. C. Baldridge, Remarks were made by Bros. Massey, Hughey and Lowe. "Shall we gather at the River," was then sung.

Rev. G. W. Hughey read a sketch of Mrs. L. Casey. Remarks were added by Bros. Hughey, Robinson, Robbins, Massey and Woolard. The song "Home of the Soul," was then sung.

Bro. Hughey reported recent information of the death of Mrs. W. R. Taylor. Remarks were made by Bro. S. T. Maxey.

On motion, Bro. S. T. Maxey was appointed to prepare a Memoir of Mrs. Taylor.

Voted that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet on Monday morning at eight o'clock.

Conference adjourned informally to give place to the exercises of the Freedmen's Aid Society.

FOURTH DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, September 24, 1877.

The Conference convened at 8 o'clock A. M., Rev. J. W. Lane in the chair in the absence of Bishop Peck. The religious services were conducted by Dr. Locke, consisting of reading the 122nd Psalm, singing the 483rd hymn, and prayer.

The minutes of the last two sessions were read, corrected and approved.

J. W. Phillips made remarks concerning the monument of A. L. Risley.

The Stewards made final report and distributed the funds. See, "Financial Papers."

The Secretary called attention to the publication of the Minutes, and Bro. Holding addressed the Conference in explanatory remarks, concerning cost of publishing them; and Bros. M. P. Wilkin and W. S. Sly were appointed a committee, to solicit funds for that purpose.

The Committee on Freedmen's Aid made report. Adopted.

A collection was taken to defray the contingent expenses of the conference, amounting to $23 84, and paid to Secretary T. H. Herdman.

The Committees on the Observance of the Sabbath, the Condition of the Church in East St. Louis, and the Tract Cause, made reports, all of which were adopted.

The report of the Financial Agent of McKendree College was made. Adopted.

The Committee to audit accounts of the Presiding Elders reported. Adopted.

The report of the Committee on Education was taken from the table, and adopted so far as it related to Garrett Biblical Institute, and resolutions in reference to McKendree College. Remarks in the interest of the College were made

by the Bishop and Dr. Locke, after which the report was adopted as a whole.

The Committees on Class Meetings, Sunday Schools, Periodicals and Church Extension presented their reports, which were adopted.

The Statistical Report was read by the Secretary, and adopted.

The Committees on Temperance and on District Conference Records made reports. Adopted.

The report of the Treasurer of Episcopal Fund was read and approved.

The Committees of Examination for next year were announced.

The Officers of Church Extension for next year were elected. See "Officers of Conference Societies."

The Triers of Appeals for ensuing year were elected as follows, namely:

E. Joy, R. H. Massey, A. Ransom, J. A. Robinson, J. W. Lowe, T. A. Eaton, J. H. Hill.

Rev. G. C. Jameson was granted a location at his own request.

The vote electing Bro. Jameson to Elder's Order was reconsidered, and the recommendation ordered to be laid on the table.

A. B. Nisbet was granted a superannuated relation.

W. H. Tyner was granted a supernumerary relation.

The Bishop introduced J. H. M. Griff, of Holston Conference, and announced his transfer to this Conference.

C. W. Bonner was made effective.

Resolutions of thanks to Bishop Peck, C. E. Cline, J. W. Baugh of Mt. Vernon, the Secretaries, the families of Mt. Vernon who have entertained the Conference, the Railroads extending favors, and R. A. D. Wilbanks, Clerk of the Supreme Court of District Southern Illinois, were adopted.

The 23rd Question, *Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?* was taken up. Alton was nominated and chosen.

A letter from Bro. Creighton, a former probationer in this Conference, now afflicted, asking the prayer of the Conference for his recovery, was read by Bro. Hughey, and his request granted. The Bishop requested the brother conducting the devotional services to remember Bro. Creighton in the closing prayer. The roll was called for purpose of raising additional subscriptions to publish the Minutes.

The fraternal greetings of the Bishop and members of this Conference, to the Bishop and members of the Illinois Conference of the M. E. Church, South, now in session in Nashville, Ill., were ordered to be forwarded by the Secretary.

On motion it was resolved that the Bishop's address to the Graduating Class be published in the Conference Minutes.

Voted that after reading the minutes of this session and devotional services, the appointments be read and the Conference adjourn *sine die*.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

The closing services were conducted by Bro. Robinson, and consisted of singing part of hymn 712 and prayer.

The Bishop then read the Appointments, the Doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by Bro. A. B. Morrison.

J. T. PECK, President.

O. H. CLARK, Compiling Secretary.

III. REPORTS.

FINANCIAL PAPERS.

Stewards' Report.

(SUMMARY.)

The Stewards respectfully report that to make up the claims of the Superannuated Preachers, the Widows and Orphans, the following sums have been received:

From Chartered Fund	$ 30 00
" the Charges	1,096 67
Total	$1,126 67

Disbursed as follows:

Mrs K. J. Nall	$ 75 00	Mrs. J. Glaze	$ 50 00
Copeland's Children	20 00	" I. S. Armstrong	80 00
Mrs. Babbitt	20 00	" M. Cliffe	75 00
" Mary Corrington	70 00	" C. Lambert	30 00
" Z. S. Clifford	40 00	" John Thatcher	40 00
" J. I. Richardson	40 00	" W. S. C. Walker	50 00
" John Van Cleve	75 00	Rev. R. Randle	75 00
" H. A. Allyn	50 00	" J. Johnson	80 00
Rev. M. Shepherd's child	70 00	" T. C. Lopas	41 67
" G. W. Cullom	20 00	" S. Walker	25 00
" C. M. Holliday	25 00	" G. W. Robbins	75 00
Total			$1 126 67

By vote of Conference the Love Feast collection, amounting to $36.25, was given to Mrs. A. C. Fletcher.

Report of Custodian of Educational Fund

Of the Southern Illinois Conference,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEEBER 20, 1877.

September 13, 1876—Balance in hand	$ 64 11
" 15, " Received of J. Harris, Treasurer	172 05
December 5, " " " A. Nisbet	3 00
Interest	1 13
	$240 29
Disbursed in aid of students in College	$173 50
Balance in hand September 20, 1877	$66 79

For all the amounts paid out the notes of those assisted have been taken, on the blanks provided by the Society, excepting only in the case of short loans made until the money could be obtained from other sources. In several instances students have been thus assisted, without charging interest. Only those who have had the ministry in view have received aid from this fund.

JOHN W. LOCKE.

Claims and Receipts of Presiding Elders

FOR THE CONFERENCE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 20, 1877.

	Claims.	Salary.	Moving Expenses.	Rent.	Traveling Expenses.	Total Receipts.
J. Earp	$ 1,200	$ 945		$ 180	75	$ 1,100
A. B. Morrison	1,350	1,050		200	100	1,222
B. R. Pierce	1,300	1,000		150	150	1,050
W. F. Davis	1,100	890		110	100	958
J. Harris	1,260	850	60	96	149	1,104
J. Leeper	1,200	925	50	150	75	1,160

Blank Benevolent Collections.

Owing to the length of time, during the session of Conference, required to collect data for our action, and the early adjournment, our work was neither submitted nor completed. We report in tabular form pastors in the various districts failing to take collections. We ask the Presiding Elders to ascertain from the published statistics who are delinquent, and to take such steps as they shall deem advisable to prevent a recurrence of the neglect. We do not include the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, as there was some misunderstanding with regard to the mode of meeting its claims:

DISTRICTS.	Missions.	Church Extension.	Tract Society.	S.S.Mission.	Foreign Aid Society.	Min. Education.	Conference Claimants.	Episcopal Support.
Alton	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Lebanon	1	4	5	5	3	6	1	4
Mt. Carmel	1	2	3	2	2	3	3	1
Mt. Vernon	1	7	4	3	6	7	1	3
Olney	.....	2	.....	.....	1	3	.....	.....
Vandalia	2	4	4	4	2	5	2	4

J. B. REYNOLDS, Chairman.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS.

Education.

McKENDREE COLLEGE.

Resolved, That we recommend the Trustees and Faculty of McKendree College to take early and efficient measures to celebrate in a manner worthy of its noble history the semi-centennial of the college at the time of its next Commencement.

Resolved, That we have read with satisfaction the report of the Executive Committee of McKendree College, and being convinced of its truthfulness and appropriate statements, we desire to incorporate it as a part of our report.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF McKENDREE COLLEGE.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN—The College year has been one of gratifying success, considering the inauspicious circumstances under which it opened, and the financial embarrassment by which it has been beset. The comparative failure of crops for the third year in Southern Illinois greatly disheartened the farming community, and the general business depression weighed heavily alike upon all.

Malarious diseases prevailed throughout the length and breadth of our patronizing territory, so that scarcely a family escaped. This combination of evils rendered the opening of the first term extremely unfavorable. Embarrassment was inevitable. Every interest in the land suffered. How could the school escape? Not quite one hundred students were enrolled the first term; and of these several returned home sick during the first month, and did not return during the year.

The aggregate enrollment for the year was 280 students.

From a careful consideration of facts that have fallen under our observation, we are confident that the reduction of our patronage during the last year was due almost exclusively to the causes above indicated. Other adverse influences were felt, but these were the principal and controlling ones.

The administration of the college was made a subject of rigid investigation by the Joint Board during its last session, and was fully endorsed, and the fidelity of the members of the Faculty in their several departments was cordially commended.

The Executive Committee are happy to assure the Conference that the literary status of the college was never higher and the scholarship of the students never better than at present.

The moral condition of the school is also quite up to the usual standard. Of the students in attendance last year nearly one-half were members of the church.

The college class and prayer meetings have been well attended. The students not connected with the church were with a few exceptions, exemplary in their deportment and diligent and successful in their studies, so that as a body they compare favorably with those of other institutions of like grade, and with the students of McKendree of any former period. We refer with satisfaction to these recognized evidences of a healthy, vigorous, and successful administration of the educational interests of the college. If the standard of excellence in a

school *is the scholarship attained and the moral and religious character of those who go out from its halls*, then have the friends of McKendree College *little to regret* and *as little to fear*.

The financial condition of the College is not materially changed since our last report.

Without increasing the liabilities of the Institution the Board of Instruction has been strengthened by the election of Prof. J. W. Whittlesey, A. M., as professor of book-keeping, penmanship and telegraphy; and Prof. Wm. A. Hogdon as professor of vocal and instrumental music. These gentlemen are skillful and experienced teachers, and we are confident that the establishment of these departments under their control will inure to the benefit of the college.

The present is the semi centennial of McKendree College. If the endowment fund could be increased to $100,000, the proceeds would sustain a full Board of Instruction, and the school could easily and in a short time, liquidate its debts and an era of prosperity would open to McKendree College unparalleled in its history.

But unless the endowment can be so increased it must wane in relative importance and influence, and at no distant day fail to compete successfully with the free Institutions of the State and the munificently endowed Institutions of our own church in adjoining conferences. The responsibility must be met by the churches of the patronizing conferences. "To him that hath, shall be given and he shall have more abundantly; but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he seemeth to have."

These words are infallible, and their application in this connection is plain.

Hoping that the Southern Illinois Conference will with renewed interest devote its energies to build up and strengthen the Institution for which many of its members have long and earnestly toiled, and for which they have made many heavy sacrifices,

The Executive Board respectfully submit their report.

BENJ. HYPES, Chairman, pro tem.
J. M CHAMBERLAIN, Secretary.

Resolved, That the suggestion made in the above report, of the necessity of raising the Endowment Fund to $100,000, is one which should be acted on, even though financial distress and embarrassment may now be brooding over the country, and that we do entreat the Trustees to make an earnest appeal to our men of wealth and to the former students, who are now in prosperous circumstances, for aid.

Resolved, That we instruct our visitors appointed at this Conference to attend the college examinations, and make report on the classes.

Resolved, That in view of the pressing wants of the college, we think it ought to have the first, if not the exclusive, right to take benevolent collections within our territory; and that the educational funds raised in our church, notwithstanding the earnest appeals made in other quarters, shall be used in aid of our own young men at McKendree.

Resolved, That we urge the President and Professors in McKendree College to move among our congregations and make appeals to the people for pecuniary aid.

Resolved, That we request the Bishop presiding to appoint J. W. Locke, D. D., President and O. V. Jones, A. M., Professor of McKendree College, and R. Allyn, D. D., Principal of the Southern Illinois Normal University.

We recommend the following named persons as Visitors to McKendree College, viz: R. Allyn, J. L. Wallar, F. L. Thomson, F. M. Van Treese, G. W. Hughey, R. H. Manier, C. E. Cline, T. H. Herdman, and W. D. Mabry.

We recommend the following as Alternates, viz: J. B. Thompson, B. R. Pierce, G. W. Waggoner, I. A. Smith, W. F. Davis, J. H. Hill, W. F. Whitaker, and G. W. Butler.

COMMON SCHOOLS.

Resolved, That we regard our common schools as a necessity for the education of patriotic citizens, and they ought to be sustained, especially by Christians, and

that they should be carried on without sectarian influence or bias, and that they should be conducted so as to inculcate the highest standard of Bible morality and intelligence.

GENERAL.

Resolved, That we recommend our members to patronize our own denominational schools and college, whenever practicable, and always when this cannot be done, those under the control of the state, rather than those under the care and instructions of the Romish church or sisters and brothers of the Monastic orders.

R. ALLYN, Chairman.
W. F. WHITAKER, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL AGENT OF McKENDREE COLLEGE—September 24, 1877.

The Financial Agent of McKendree College would present the following as his report:

I have given great publicity to the College by quarterly notices in the *Central Christian Advocate;* by sending posters to most of the city and county papers in Southern Illinois and Southern Missouri, and by sending notices to the most prominent presses in Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas and Texas.

A more extensive patronage has been solicited from all the patronizing conferences through the press, and by active personal efforts, wherever I have labored.

Subscriptions to the amount of nearly $3,000 have been raised. Over $1,000 has been collected from old notes. The interest on the college debt has been kept up. The unprovided portion of the President's salary has been met. A small, but not distressing, deficiency in the professors' claims for the year remains unpaid.

The aims of our united semi-centennial efforts should be to swell the Endowment Fund to $100,000.

I thank the preachers for their courtesies while visiting their charges.

Respectfully submitted,

HIRAM SEARS, Agent.

GARRETT BIBLICAL INSTITUTE.

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure the report of "Garrett Biblical Institute", and are glad to know of its prosperity in these times of financial embarrassment. We renew our former commendations of its objects and work, and advise our young men who are called of God to the ministry to attend, and if possible, complete its course of study.

Resolved, That we concur in the recommendation of the Conference Visitors that the professors, or their representatives, apply in person for help to our large and prosperous congregations in the Northwest.

Resolved, That we recommend the appointment of R. Allyn, D. D. and Rev. C. Nash, as Visitors to the "Garrett Biblical Institute" to attend its anniversary, May 12–15th 1878. R. ALLYN, Chairman.

VISITOR'S REPORT.

It was my privilege, in accordance with your action at last session, to attend the anniversary exercises of the Garrett Biblical Institute, and Pastors' Theological Union, May 13–16, 1877.

Nineteen visitors were present, from fifteen of the patronizing Conferences. We learned with deep regret, that notwithstanding a voluntary reduction of twenty-five per cent. of their salaries upon the part of the professors, there was a

deficit of fifteen hundred dollars the past year, with a prospect of a still greater deficit the coming year. This deficiency originated in the Chicago fire, and latterly in the reduction of values in the endowment property of the Institute. In view of these facts the Board of Visitors recommend that an appeal be made to the patronizing Conferences for $2,000 to meet the deficiencies of the next year. We trust that the amount needed will be realized.

We rejoice to be able to state, that the year just closed, all things considered, has been a successful one. The instruction has been thorough, the professors painstaking, and their labors arduous—three men having done the work of four during the past year. Having been somewhat acquainted with the Institution in the past, we are able to say that it has lost none of its thoroughness, effectiveness or spiritual life, and that in its customs, methods, and teachings it is thoroughly Methodistic. The Pastors' Theological Union lent an additional interest to the occasion. Some of the papers and discussions were exceedingly able. We heartily recommend the Garrett Biblical Institute to the young men within our bounds who contemplate entering the ministry. We also unite with the friends of the Institution in calling for help in this hour of need.

WM. WALLIS.

Sunday Schools.

Re-affirming and emphasizing the former resolutions of this Conference on the importance of the Sunday School work in the Church, we would supplement them with the following:

Resolved, That we recommend to the Pastors and Sunday School officers in the various charges, the organization of Normal classes, to pursue the Chautauqua course of study, thereby securing to teachers and scholars a more thorough knowledge of the Bible and of the theory and practice of teaching.

D. W. PHILLIPS, Chairman.

G. W. BUTLER, Secretary.

District Conference Records.

We report that the Records of three Districts, viz:—Lebanon, Mount Carmel and Olney, have been examined by us and found to have been kept in accordance with the requirement of the Discipline. The Secretaries of the other Districts, viz:—Alton, Mount Vernon and Vandalia, failed to hand the Records of said Districts to the Committee.

GEORGE W. FARMER, Chairman.

J. B. THOMPSON, Secretary.

Tract Cause.

The Tract Cause demands our prayers and earnest efforts. It needs the money of the Church that it may successfully accomplish its mission—scattering religious literature among the people.

We hereby re-affirm all former utterances of this body looking to these ends.

R. H. MASSEY, Chairman.

Episcopal Residence.

Your special Committee appointed to confer with Rev. J. W. Bushong with reference to raising funds to relieve the Episcopal Residence in St. Louis from its embarrassment, would report, that,

WHEREAS, A suitable residence has been provided in the city of St. Louis for the Bishop residing in St. Louis or vicinity; and

WHEREAS, This residence has been procured by the Board of Directors, based upon the pledge (in part) made by this Conference to furnish its full quota of the funds necessary to pay for said residence; and,

WHEREAS, The residence which Bishop Bowman has occupied for two years, is at this time heavily mortgaged and liable to be sold for debt, to the great humiliation of all concerned, and that this embarrassment is due to the fact that this and other Conferences have, up to this time, failed to furnish the aid which was promised; therefore be it

Resolved by this Conference, 1st, That we recognize the justice of this claim upon the Conference.

2nd, That we accept four thousand (4,000) dollars of this Episcopal Residence stock, as our full and equal share, and pledge ourselves to pay the same.

3d, That this amount of $4,000 be distributed to the several Districts for collection, the distribution to be made by a committee composed of the Presiding Elders and three members of the Conference, elected by the Conference; and this committee shall make its report each year before the close of the Conference session.

4th, That one-fourth of the above named amount, $4,000, shall be collected and paid over to the Treasurer of the "Board of Episcopal Residence company" in the city of St. Louis, on or before the 15th day of December of each conference year, for four consecutive years.

5th, That the Presiding Elder of each District shall see that this claim is duly presented in each charge in his District, and report the same at the next ensuing session of the annual conference.

5th, That we recommend to the Board of Episcopal Residence the following brethren: Rev. J. A. Scarritt, of Brighton, Ill., and L. P. Krafft, Esq., of Belleville, Ill., to be elected as members of the Board of Episcopal Residence.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. PHILLIPS,
JOSEPH EARP,
HIRAM SEARS.

East St. Louis Church.

The Committee appointed to consider the case of the Church in East St. Louis has carefully read the communication of the pastor, Brother Massey, and recommend that this Conference appeal to the General Missionary Committee for aid in behalf of said Church in a sum not less than $500 per year to support the ministry there.

ROB'T ALLYN, Chairman.

Church Extension Board.

WHEREAS, This Board in its practical workings has shown itself to be a very efficient agency in the permanent establishment of our Church in many places, where without it we should have been greatly embarrassed, Therefore,

Resolved, That we will be faithful in presenting its annual claims to our people.

A. P. MORRISON, Chairman.

A. SNELL, Secretary.

Periodicals.

We are glad that our periodicals have, in the midst of the financial depression of the past year, taken no step backward. They deserve a wider circulation. Every Methodist family could and ought to take one of our weekly papers. We heartily commend *The Central Christian Advocate* as worthy of our more extended patronage. We are pleased with the appearance and condition of our new *National Repository*. It should supplant or supplement the secular magazines in every Methodist household. Our Sunday School periodicals are the best for Methodist schools. The objections, especially in regard to price, so often urged as reasons for not taking our papers, can be easily, and should be fully and persistently answered. To this end, each pastor, in addition to private solicitations and appeals, should preach once a year, at each preaching place, on our periodical literature.

A. RANSOM, Chairman.

G. W. FARMER, Secretary.

Class Meeting.

Resolved, 1st, That the Class Meeting is indispensable to the success of Methodism.

Resolved, 2d, That this means of grace has largely fallen into disuse, through the indifference and neglect of the pastors.

Resolved, 3*d*, That dead formality and crooked-path experience, have had much to do with bringing these meetings into disuse among the people.

Resolved, 4*th*, That we admonish our preachers to be Methodists, and not depart from this primitive means of grace.

Resolved 5*th*, That a more joyous, conversational and instructive method of conducting Class is in some places absolutely necessary.

Resolved, 6*th*, That we recommend the holding of Class Leaders' Conventions in each District, at such time as the Presiding Elder, upon consultation with the brethren, may determine.

Resolved, 7*th*, That the Presiding Elders be instructed to report at the next session the condition and progress of the Class Meeting interest in each charge.

C. E. CLINE, Chairman.

C. NASH, Secretary.

Sabbath Observance.

There is a peculiar significance in the declaration, "The Sabbath was made for man." It was instituted to meet a demand of the race. It was designed to promote man's interests, physical, intellectual and moral.

The law of the Sabbath is an important test of fealty to Christ. It imposes restraints and requires positive duties.

Avarice would devote the day to pursuits of gain. Sensuality would devote it to amusement and gratification. Irreligion would make it a day of respite from toil and care, and for social enjoyment; but the Divine Law requires that it be observed as a holy day; that the hours of the Sabbath be sacredly devoted to religion. The distinction made by Papists and some Protestants, between "Church hours," and other hours of the Sabbath day, is without foundation in the Bible. The hours of the holy Sabbath are alike sacred.

Among the great moral questions that will come up before the people of this country for solution, in the near future, that of the sanctity of the Sabbath will be prominent. The question will not be whether we shall have a weekly Sabbath observance, but whether we shall have a Sabbath according to the tastes and preferences of rationalists, infidels and free thinkers, or one enjoined by Divine Law, and in accordance with the spirit of a pure Protestant Christianity.

The solution of this problem depends upon the action of the churches of to-day. Besides the purely moral phases of this question, it is destined to figure in the politics of this country. It is well for the churches to prepare for the conflict.

The prevalent Sabbath desecration by railroad corporations is a crying sin. There is a demand for earnest, united effort upon the part of the Christians of this country in defense of the Holy Sabbath.

The power of the Church in this, as in every department of her mission, is measured by her purity and consistency. Let all our people remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy; let the claims of the Sabbath be urged upon our people in the family circle, in the Sabbath school, and from the pulpit.

Resolved, 1st, That the habit that prevails among our people in some localities, of social visiting upon the Sabbath, is to be deprecated, and is deserving the exercise of discipline.

Resolved, 2d, That the times demand that we take a firm and resolute stand against the tendency to convert the holy Sabbath in a holiday.

J. A. ROBINSON, Chairman.

Freedmen's Aid Society.

We recognize the fact that upwards of four millions of emancipated slaves, or their children, who reside within the bounds of our Southern States, have but slight and imperfect facilities for obtaining educational culture; that as a consequence they are in danger of being misled by the machinations of politicians and Jesuits; that experience teaches that unless aid is extended to them from sources outside the governments and churches of the several States in which they

live, their educational facilities will continue meager and consequently inadequate; that especially should assistance be extended to them in the direction of educating preachers and teachers in order that through the latter the masses may be reached; therefore, as the Freedmen's Aid Society of our Church addresses itself especially to the last named work,

Resolved, That we re-assert our unqualified indorsement of the aims of the Society, and that we will continue to zealously urge its claims upon the benefactions our people.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders of our Conference be requested to apportion among their several districts the $1,800 assessed to our Conference for the current year by the Board of Managers, and that each Presiding Elder divide the quota assessed to his district in equitable proportion among the charges.

A. B. NISBET, Chairman.

J. W. VAN CLEVE, Secretary.

Temperance.

Since Temperance Reform is becoming *the* question before the people, it is the duty of the Church to take her place promptly in line. Therefore,

Resolved, That we re-affirm our former action, and again indorse the teachings of the Bible, as set forth in our Discipline, viz:—That total abstinence is the only safe rule for Christians.

Resolved, That we approve the Murphy and other movements, and pledge our sympathy and co-operation with the workers in this department of Christian labor.

E. JOY, Chairman.

W. P. WILKIN, Secretary.

ADDRESSES.

PASTORAL ADDRESS

OF THE

Southern Illinois Annual Conference,

1877.

To the Members of the Methodist Episcopal Churches in the Southern Illinois Conference:

DEARLY BELOVED IN GOD:—Forasmuch as "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction and for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works," 2 Tim. iii. 16, 17, "allow us, your brethren and pastors to address you, "not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth, comparing spiritual things with spiritual," 1. Cor. 13. "We as servants and apostles of Jesus Christ to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Savior Jesus Christ; grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God and our Lord Jesus Christ, according as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue; whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience godliness, and to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness, charity. For if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." 2 Pet. 1. 1–8. "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ as of a lamb without blemish and without spot; who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, who by Him do believe in God, that raised Him up from the dead and gave Him glory, that your faith and hope might be in God. Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently; being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible by the word of God which liveth and abideth forever," 1 Pet. 1. 18–23. With "Paul the prisoner of the Lord, we beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering, forbearing one another in love: endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in

the bond of peace," Eph. iv. 1–3. "We also beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service, and be ye not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Rom. xii. 1–2. "For this the will of God even your sanctification." 1. Thess. iv. 3.

"Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean, and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty," 2 Cor. vi. 17–18. "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." 2 Cor. vii. 1.

Remember that, "if any man among you seem to be religious and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth himself, that man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and keep himself unspotted from the world." Jas. 1. 26–27. "Now the end of the commandment is charity, out of a pure heart and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned." 1. Tim. 1–5. "Take heed lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God, lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin; for we are made partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end." Heb. 1. 11-12–13. "Pray with all prayer and supplication in the spirit and watch thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." Eph. vii. 1-18. "In all things give thanks for this is the will of God concerning you." 1. Thess. v. 18. "Let love be without dissimulation." Rom. xii. 9. "Owe no man anything but to love one another, for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the whole law." Rom. xii. 14. "Follow peace with all men, and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord." Heb. xii. 14. "And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you, and esteem them very highly in love for their work sake." 1 Thess. v. 12-13.

May we not entreat you to be like faithful Abraham, of whom Jehovah said: "I know him that he will command his children and his household after him and they shall keep the way of the Lord to do justice and judgment." Gen. xviii. 19. "And ye fathers provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Eph. vi. 4. "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy might." Deut. vi. 5. In these days of a boastful science and doubtful literature, think often and prayerfully of the command of Jehovah: "Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart, and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down and when thou risest up. And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thy house and upon thy gates, that your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children in the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers to give them as the days of heaven upon the earth." Deut. xi. 18 21.

"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shall not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man servant, nor thy maid servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it (Ex. xx. 8--11), for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you." Ex. xxxi. 14. "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words; then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed the with thee heritage of Jacob." Isa. lviii. 13--14. "For the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath; therefore the Son of Man is Lord also of the Sabbath." Mark ii. 27--28.

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly, and we pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he who hath called you who also will do it." 1. Thess. v. 23--4. "Let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire wanting nothing." Jas. 1. 4. "Now the God of patience and consolation, grant you to be like minded one toward another according to Christ Jesus, that ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Rom. xv. 4--6. "For this cause we bow our knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant unto you according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His spirit in the inner man: that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye being rooted and grounded in love may be able to comprehend with all saints, what is the breadth, and length, and depth and height, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God." Eph. iii. 14, 19. "Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever, Amen." Heb. xiii. 20--1.

R. ALLYN,
A. B. NISBET,
T. H. HERDMAN.

BISHOP PECK'S ADDRESS.

TO THE CLASS OF THE SECOND YEAR.

REPORTED BY REV. W. C. DICKSON.

DEAR BRETHREN:

It is my duty to ask you several plain questions, and you are desired to answer candidly and audibly. These are historical questions; they have not been brought forward in any modern excitement. They are identical with the history of Wesleyan Methodism. They are intact and are placed beyond the reach of criticism, and are entitled to every possible consideration. They are the questions which many thousands of preachers have been asked under very solemn circumstances, and if there be anything which above another unifies Methodist doctrine and experience, this is it. Whatever may have been the varied ideas of individual ministers, they have all come at one before this tribunal, and ought to have remained one in the presence of this history. The church has no controversy on this question. You will notice that the first four of these questions relate to religious experience. The first, "Have you faith in Christ?" does not mean do you believe that He is the Savior of the world; but have you faith in Him as *your* Savior? The second, "Are you going on to perfection?" announces a principle which is more clearly defined in another question—perfect love. It assumes that possibly you have not reached it, but that it is before you and that you are going on to reach it, and in yonr experience advancing toward it. The progress here ought to be distinguished from growth in grace; that is to be continual and there is no point beyond which there can be no progress. Progress in grace, or in gracious influences, should be ever forward and upward in this world, and, I think, in the world to come. It is not, therefore, a perfection in growth in grace that you are to go on to, but to a perfection of the Christian character, and that is defined perfect love, which, according to the apostle, casteth out fear. Do you expect then to be made perfect in love in this life, advancing to a consummation which may be properly called perfection in love? The church demands to know whether yon are advancing to a state filled with the love of Christ so that your hearts are wholly occupied by love to God and man, so that you are entirely under the control of love, so that you will really love God with all the heart, the soul, the mind and with all the strength, and your neighbor as yourself. Perfection in love, so far from impeding or making unnecessary further growth in grace, demands it perpetually. The child covered over with cutaneous disease does not grow well, and never grows perfectly until this disorder is removed; and your growth in grace will, in the realizing experience of perfect love, be all the stronger, faster and more continuous when you realize the expectation you this day declare.

Then again: "Are you groaning after it?" This does not mean literally, but are your desires for it so strong that sometimes they do give rise to internal groans. I desire, my brethren, to assure you that in the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church on this subject there is nothing hidden or doubtful. The church has no question about this doctrine. Individuals may have questions,

some minds may honestly differ about some phase of this doctrine, but as to the main thing the church has no doubt whatever. For it does seem to us that the idea that there is no definite blessing which ought to be sought, called entire sanctification or perfect love, and distinct from a love that is not perfect, is not true; and a man who sets up the idea that we are not to expect to be made perfect in love in this life, ought not to be a Methodist preacher; for this is our creed, our solemn, historical testimony. It is so identified with all our history as a church, that it is quite impossible for us to expunge it. It has gone so deeply into our literature and into our glorious hymns and into our glowing experience that it cannot be extirpated. And you are to understand, my brethren, that the church does not ask a man with an unrenewed heart whether he expects to be made perfect in love in this life, and whether he is groaning after it. It would be absurd. The church does not ask a wicked man to sing—

"I would, but Thou must give the power,
My heart from every sin release;
Bring near, bring near the joyful hour
And fill me with thy perfect peace."

It puts this language into the lips of justified Christians, and the best of justified Christians are the men who seek for this blessing with the greatest earnestness. It does not intend to be understood as asking men that have no religion to cry out:

"Oh that it now from heaven might fall,
And all my sins consume.
Come, Holy Ghost, for thee I call;
Spirit of burning, come."

"Refining fire, go through my heart,
Illuminate my soul,
Scatter thy life through every part,
And sanctify the whole."

But it does put these words into the lips of brethren and sisters who live in a state of acceptance with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who also believe and often say,

"'T is worse than death my God to love,
And not my God alone."

This is the faith of our church, brethren. You are to be ministers in this church. I should not do my whole duty if I did not say that the doctrine of holiness is the central idea in our religion, and you might as well tear out the heart and preserve the circulating system through veins and arteries as to take holiness out of our system and expect it to continue a vital power in the world. As well burn up your towns and leave the guide-boards standing that point to them, as do that.

But it is possible for a man to be so filled with zeal for holiness as to give it a technical position that will do some harm. I somewhere saw a representation of Satan laying hold of a man's shoulders who was trying to get up to a certain line; finally he gave him a push which sent him clear across it. "Well, go then," said he; "I would as soon see you on one side of the line as the other." I therefore say to you, brethren, you must not omit before the world "repentance

toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ," a justification by faith, and regeneration, and the beginnings of sanctification at the time of regeneration, and then going on to perfection. You must take care of the little ones, and you cannot do that by preaching the highest standards of Christian excellence chiefly and principally. You must go down where they are and lead them upward and onward, and so preach and teach that the humblest and poorest of all can understand it. You must remember that you are not to be the pastor of a dozen persons devoted to holiness, but the pastor of the whole flock, and ninety-nine in a hnndred of them, perhaps, cannot readily understand the matter. It is a great flock and there are many weak ones. Take them all along brethren—preach the whole gospel. It is a gospel of power to wicked men, and the majority of your hearers are wicked men. It is a gospel of mercy to penitents; take them and lead them to the altar of mercy and to the Savior of sinners. There is no work of greater importance than teaching those to walk who cannot walk themselves. A great many of the members are away down in the valley of indecision, and you must not underrate them, but form them into line, bring them up, and try them, not by the "Central Idea of Christianity," but by the Bible. Brethren, I learn that through this country there are some men who do not harmonize with us upon this question, and I partly believe it. I have found them everywhere. And just the way not to give them power is, at proper times and places to preach the true doctrine of Wesleyan holiness. I recommend to you not to fight them, but to preach in this way and *live it out*, and your cause will take care of itself. But it has come to my ears that men have been going around the country entering your pastoral charges and ignoring you and your work. Now, pastors are responsible as pastors, and brethren, men who call themselves by good names, evangelists, etc., (and do not understand me that I am against the word, for it is scriptural,) but many times it turns out that erratic men assume to themselves this title and without consulting with the pastor set up for themselves and become harsh accusers of the brethren and preach in a way we cannot approve, and in this way do much harm.

And now a word about the profession of holiness. I am of the opinion that every man who tells his experience ought to tell the truth just as it is. And I don't think that the church is suffering for the want of religious profession. A high profession may be quite imprudent when it only provokes resistance. But when you are in the family with your brethren and sisters and are clear in the experience, don't suppress it. If the heart is filled with holy love, let the people know it. But then I want to tell you that if a person is filled with perfect love he will have less need to tell it. If his life is in accordance with it, he does not need to tell it; it will tell itself, and if not, his telling it will do no good. Let his life be such that the world may know that he walks with Jesus, and then when his heart is filled with perfect love he may tell it to the glory of God. I never knew any harm to come from that kind of profession. But when there was a harsh, censorious spirit, and a man did not live well, and everybody knew it, I have known loud professions to do great harm. There are not wanting instances of men and women who are very irregular in their attendance at church, not very steady at the prayer-meeting, very generally away from class-meeting, and yet professing perfect love. Brethren, don't do that way. Let a

man be filled with the spirit, let him love the Lord with all the heart, soul, mind and strength, let him be known as a meek and lowly follower of Christ, as humble and contrite in heart, going through the world as an angel of mercy, regular in attendance at all the means of grace, praying in his family and his closet, and such a man need not make a profession of holiness in order that the world know it true. Now I remember that down in our book room, up in the first story there is a broad stair up part of the way, and some people, like me, always enjoy that broad stair. Some have gone on and not noticed it. Now, if you did pass this broad stair, being filled with perfect love but not knowing the time and are going up, don't come back. *I* noticed it, and I had such a burden of soul that I could not help noticing it, and the matter of salvation full and free by faith in Christ Jesus was made so simple that I wondered that I did not see it before. I was held in the arms of Jesus, I felt the gushing blood, and I knew it when I got there, and a great many others do. Our Presbyterian brother, the Baptist, the Episcopalian, reaches the experience and knows the time. But if your soul is filled with love, my brother, it makes little difference when it happened; only let a man be sure of it, and let him go on; don't call him back and insist upon knowing the time.

[The questions were then asked.]

It is a great thing to expect to be made perfect in love, but it is a grander thing to be so. To be groaning after it is right and necessary, but to have it is better. And you have no idea, brethren, if you have not found it, what a blessing it would be to you. Oh, lean your head on Jesus' bosom and take Him as your perfect Savior, from all sin, without any struggling now.

Now many a man wishes that he could be great; just let him keep these rules and he will be. They will make him great in his humility, and if he will work by these rules God will do great things by him, and he will grow in Christian power from day to day. This discipline tells what we ought to be; and so these general minutes show in part what we have done for the glory of God. This is the best of our work. If we followed that [pointing to the Discipline] with proper convictions, and geater certainty, that [pointing to the Minutes] would be a book filled with larger figures; and I tell you, beloved, that we only partly know the power of Methodism as it is in that book, and that is the reason why we do not do more. Give us the power and spirit of our noble doctrines and polity, and the wonderful men who have advocated and illustrated them, and that book will swell so that we will go round the world making history grander than it was ever made before on the face of the earth. [Applause.] I wish you would read it thoroughly every year; thoroughly study it. You will wonder that so much wisdom could be put into such a little book. It is the grandest compend of religious and universal truth that I ever examined.

I will ask you some other things.

"Have you considered the rules of a preacher; especially, the first, tenth and twelfth?" Let me read them.

Rule 1st. "Be diligent; never be unemployed; never be triflingly employed; never trifle away time; neither spend any more time at any place than is strictly necessary."

I might illustrate this rule by a personal incident. In one of my pastoral

charges, a brother in his store said to me: "Doctor, why don't you come round to my store; it is the headquarters of Methodism. The preachers and members often meet here for a social chat; come over? Said I: "My brother, I have not time; I can't come round. I cannot waste my time in that way." Besides, said I, "you are making your store the centre of gossip. You get together, and you smoke and chew, and talk, and I get to know some of the mischief which comes out of your store, and you need not expect me there. I cannot be allowed to trifle away time." Now, my brethren, there are men who neglect duty, and sit around stores and whittle, and tell stories, but don't *you* do it. It is worse than a waste of time; it is unworthy of your dignity, and it is contrary to your ordination vows. If you go to such a place, just ask those brethren why they were not at class meeting last Sunday, or why they did not come to prayer meeting.

The 10th rule is: "Be punctual; do everything exactly at the time, and do not mend our rules, but keep them; not for wrath but conscience' sake."

I once knew a distinguished lawyer, in the State of New York, who referred to a lecture I gave on punctuality, when he was my student, as the largest explanation of his success. "You said if you ever felt a disposition to annihilate any class of persons it was those who are always making the rest of the world wait for them."

Brethren, don't mend our rules; leave that to the green members of the General Conference. [Laughter.] They come not unfrequently with their pockets full of amendments to the Discipline, only to find that the things they propose to change have historical reasons in their favor. You need not put yourself to the trouble of mending them.

I feel that the best thing the Methodist Church did for me, besides saving my soul through the instrumentality of a godly mother, was to furnish me with a plan of labor by which I was enabled to do all I wanted to do, or could do, for the kingdom of Christ. It was made ready to my hand, and seemed almost perfect in itself, so that I have had no occasion to try to change it or improve it. It is not in my heart to propose improvements, and if you do they should be well considered. Upon the whole, the ministry and the people of our church are right well satisfied with Methodism as it is, and I am one of the number.

There are some hard appointments, brethren, and I cannot tell, for the life of me, why you may not take them as well as anybody else. [Laughter.] There is some difference, it is true, in property and circumstances; but what we mean is that you give your judgment over to that kind of superintendency, that is inclusive of Presiding Elders; they are to be counted. I believe this is a part of the unwritten Constitution of the Church, binding upon every Bishop, so that he could be arraigned and punished for disregarding it.

The age of heroes is not past, nor has the race all died out. But I wonder if you will say, "Out there on the frontier, the churches are so poor? the pay is so small, and the sacrifices so great that I cannot go. You must look for your heroes elsewhere, we can't submit to it." I don't think you will say this. Why should a man be deprived of the chance to become a great man? and struggling with difficulties in the great battle-field of the world is the very thing that will make him great; and why should you deprive a young man of these honors? The best ap

pointments are not those which have the best church parsonages, and salaries, but those which make a man work most vigorously, and draw out the latent power that is in him. But the race of heroes has not died out yet. I can get the men to go to those hard fields; they go sometimes with tears and groans, but they go, and many of them achieve noble victories. Hard appointments test a man's character; they make him strong, and endow him with a supernatural energy to reach the perishing souls of men.

My brethren, have you considered these rules of a preacher—especially the 1st, 10th and 12th? "Will you keep them for conscience' sake?"

Oh, I once saw a devoted young man go right away from such a scene as this, and make a great ado, because he thought his appointment was not equal to his merits. He got right afterward though, and in a little while he went at his appointed work. He would not, I am sure, repeat the sad mistake.

"Will you visit from house to house?"

Study in the forenoon, brethren. I remember to have said to one of my charges, once, on the first Sabbath: "Brethren, I am not amiable in the forenoon. I am trying to gather ideas and arguments to help me in my preaching; I would like you, therefore, to defer your calls to some other hour. And this they did. Make up your mind every night what you will study the next day. Get your stationery ready; your books all arranged so that you will not lose three minutes. Know what you are going to read or study every night before you retire, and bend to it, otherwise a man loses half his time in determining what he should try to do. Choose your subject; do your own thinking, and go on and work it out. *Make your mind mind you.* If you can not do it at once, try again till you succeed. That is education.

But make your visits from house to house in the afternoon. I was glad to hear such good accounts of your labors in this particular. You will find, if you have not already found, that this going from house to house will be of wonderful advantage to yourselves, and you will never grow in grace half so fast as when you are engaged in this work. Put your hands on the heads of the children, and pray God to bless them; they will never forget it. Call them around you, and make them know you; love them. Then ask the brother about the last class and prayer- meeting, and whether the Lord blesses him in secret and family prayer; and after a few such greetings, drop down upon your knees and pray for all in that family, and then go on. Call at every house, for every family that is not under some other pastoral charge belongs to you. You will meet them all at the judgment.

"Are you in debt?"

Debt is a very great calamity to a Methodist preacher, and I think this is a growing evil. I find it in all parts of the country, and wherever men think they should have more than they can pay for. That is not true. If they cannot pay for a thing, and don't see where the money is to come from, better defer getting it. I greatly admire the spirit of that brother who said yesterday that he had worn the same coat to Conference for five years. Better come humble and be honest. I don't like to find debts in the way of giving a man the appointment he ought to have when I hear of financial distress in the case of a brother; his reputation gone; his creditors complaining in his former appointments, and then,

calling on him, find costly pianos, gold watches and chains, and costly furniture, I am sure something is wrong.

I think that a man must be a very old man or a very good man, that can use tobacco without sin. Surely, men professing to be good men will not go into churches and rooms and defile carpets by the use of this weed; one had need to be very much his friend, indeed, to pardon or to bear it. But you are getting on well in this reform. Go on in the spirit of our institutions always, and the status of Methodist preachers in Southern Illinois will rise to an elegance and dignity and power never known before.

MEMOIRS.

MRS. CLARA A. BALDRIGE.

CLARA A. BALDRIDGE was born in Jefferson county, Ills., February 1st, 1843, and departed this life February 7, 1877. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church in 1860. She was united in marriage with Bro. Baldridge, September 29th, 1864. In 1867, when her husband felt that "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel," the greatest trial of her life, that of leaving home and friends, was experienced. But her love for Christ and devotion to her husband, led her cheerfully to take this step. For seven years she shared with her husband the fortunes of itinerant life. When the failing health of Bro. Baldridge compelled him to take a supernumerary relation, she had so learned to love the work, to which she had consecrated her life, that it was a great trial to her faith, to give up the itinerant field. Her memory is precious in all the charges, where her home was cast. Especially was this the case in Mt. Erie, where for six years she lived. Here she had the confidence of all who knew her, and was dearly loved by a wide circle of friends. For a year and a half she was deeply afflicted and suffered greatly, but in all her suffering, she was resigned to the will of God. She expressed a desire to get well, in order to train up and care for the three little ones God had given them; but as her end drew near, she was enabled to resign all to the Lord and to say, "Thy will be done." She frequently expressed herself as ready, and waiting for the summons to glory, saying to her husband just before her death, "I am not afraid to die, I find Christ all I ever expected him to be in a dying hour." Thus passed away a devoted Christian, a faithful wife, and loving mother. Peace to her memory!

MRS. CYNTHIA A. TAYLOR.

CYNTHIA A. TAYLOR was born in Weakley county, Tenn., Feb. 8, 1839. While yet a child her parents removed to Johnson county, Ill. She was converted in her youth and received into the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1857, she was united in marriage with Rev. W. R. Taylor, of this Conference, and shared with him the joys and labors of itinerant life for several years. After the death of her husband in 1872, she toiled amid grief and disease to support herself and children, till March 19, 1877, when God called her from labor to reward. A faithful Christian, a devoted mother has fallen.

MRS. L. A. RAVENSCROFT.

LOUISA A. RAVENSCROFT, daughter of Rev. Z. S. and Esther P. Clifford, was born March 20, 1838, in Miland, Ripley county, Indiana, and died May 4, 1877. At the age of eighteen, in New Albany, Ind., she gave her heart to the Lord, and uniting with the church began a career of cheerful Christian labor, which ceased only when she ceased to live.

In 1859 she was married to Rev. J. B. Ravenscroft. For eight years, spent in

secular pursuits, their domestic life was quiet and joyful, while they lived faithfully as Christians. When, in 1867, by the grace of God and the call of the church, Bro. Ravenscroft yielded his life to the service of the Christian ministry, she cheerfully accepted the changed relations, into which she was thus introduced.

Her's was not the inexperience of a novice in things pertaining to the pastor's family. Her birth, infancy, youth, and early womanhood, were in the home of an itinerant. From her father, who was a Methodist preacher, she learned to what an honorable degree her husband had attained in becoming a preacher of the gospel. From her mother's experience she learned the duties—the crosses, the loneliness, and yet the possible influence of the pastor's wife. She resolved to be a minister's true helpmeet. How well she succeeded, the testimony of the officiary of her husband's charge at the time of her death will indicate, when they say of her, "The church militant has lost a true, faithful, loving member; the church triumphant has gained a jewel; our community has lost a kind and amiable Christian lady; the itinerant minister a true friend, and the poor and needy, a ready helper." Her name is still a household word in the homes on the works where her husband has been in charge. When the call for her departure came, she was not unready. Though away from her family at the time, and leaving no farewell words, her end was peace, for her life had been spiritual. Shortly before, in a letter to her sister, she wrote: "When my mission is ended, my heavenly Father will take me home." To have lived for her family would have been a most willing service. Yet anxiety even for them, yielded to the influence of an all-sustaining faith in God. The Good Shepherd will carry in His bosom the lambs she left. The bereaved husband will draw consolation from the preciousness of her memory, and the firm assurance of her having entered into rest.

MRS. ELEANOR M. CASEY.

Eleanor M. Casey, wife of Rev. Lafayette Casey, was born July 26th, 1826, and died after an illness of only twenty-eight hours, Sept. 12, 1877. She was converted when about seventeen years of age, and united with the M. E. Church, of which she continued a faithful and consistent member until her death.

She was married to her now bereaved husband, Nov. 24th, 1848, and in the fall of 1854, entered the itinerant work, in which she spent cheerfully the remainder of her life.

In all these years she was indeed a true helper in the work, strong in faith, cheering and encouraging her husband in the darkest hours. Sister Casey was a modest, humble, consistent Christian, never demonstrative, but always consistent.

When her husband was absent, she kept up family worship, and trained her household for God, and lived to see her oldest son converted, and entering upon the ministry.

The last time she left home, was an errand of mercy and love, for an aged superannuated member of our Conference.

On the Sabbath before her death, she was at class-meeting, to witness for Jesus—and on the following Wednesday morning, at sunrise, she entered into rest.

The nature of her disease was such, that she left no dying testimony in words, but what was far more reliable, she left the testimony of a life given to Jesus.

RESOLUTIONS.

I.

WHEREAS, Bro. J. C. Baldridge has been constrained to retire from the Conference by location, therefore

Resolved, That the good wishes of the Conference will go with him into his retirement, and that we will give him a hearty welcome should a merciful Providence open the way for his return to the itinerant work.

II.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to Bishop Peck, our president; to Rev. C. E. Cline, pastor at the seat of Conference; to J. W. Baugh of Mt. Vernon, for his careful attention to our comfort; to the families that have so hospitably entertained us during the session; to R. A. D. Wilbanks, Esq., clerk of the Supreme Court of Illinois, for the use of the rooms and grounds of the Supreme Court-house; to the secretaries; and to the St. Louis and South-Eastern Railway Company for reduced rates of travel.

No. I. Statistics of Southern Illinois Conference for 1877.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY.			SABBATH SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.									
														FOR MISSIONS.								
	Probationers.	Full Members.	Local Preachers.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	For Conference Claimants.	Churches.	Sabbath Schools.	Total.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Board of Church Extension.	Tract Society.	Sunday School Union of the M. E. Church.	Freedmen's Aid Society.	Education.
ALTON DISTRICT.																							
Alton	6	160	2	2	11	2	2	$ 21,000	1	$ 3,000	1	20	180	$ 15 00	$ 72 20	$ 27 80	$ 100 00	$ 10 00	$ 13 00	$ 8 00	$ 8 00	$ 5 00	$ 8 00
Brighton	5	135	1	3	2	1	1	4,000	1	1,200	1	11	76	25 00	121 71	8 29	130 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	8 00	10 00	5 00
Brighton Circuit	4	102	1	1	1	.....	2	5,000	1	500	2	14	100	15 00	41 50	8 50	50 00	2 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00
Bunker Hill	4	165	3	2	6	2	1	7,000	...	.....	1	25	203	9 15	63 30	11 70	75 00	18 50	10 00	4 00	4 80	9 00	2 25
Donaldson	24	238	3	3	1	16	3	2,600	...	.....	5	26	150	8 00	40 00	....	40 00	.....	5 00	2 00	2 00	5 00	3 00
Edwardsville	7	81	3	7	4	.....	1	5,000	1	2,000	1	14	110	5 60	36 60	3 40	40 00	.....	8 60	2 50	1 25	3 50	1 50
Edwardsville Circuit	25	106	1	6	4	1	4	16,000	1	1,500	2	15	97	11 00	45 40	.....	45 40	3 00	3 50	1 00	2 55	7 10	3 50
Elsah	5	159	2	7	5	2	4	9,000	1	800	2	13	70	10 65	8 50	13 73	22 23	.....	5 40	2 40	3 80	1 85	3 55
Fidelity & Piasa	23	190	...	3	3	13	2	6,000	...	.....	2	30	200	20 00	75 00	10 00	85 00	5 00	10 00	6 50	5 00	10 00	5 00
Gillespie	49	203	3	1	.....	1	4	7,900	1	1,300	5	48	310	21 00	42 90	2 10	45 00	2 00	5 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	2 00
Grafton	14	136	1	4	1	.....	4	4,500	...	.....	6	.....	180	5 00	3 00	.....	3 00	.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....
Greencastle	.....	.....	..	.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jerseyville	20	218	1	3	2	10	.....	1,300	1	3,000	1	28	217	20 00	90 00	30 00	120 00	.....	30 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00
Kane	2	86	1	2	1	1	2	3,100	1	1,200	1	12	143	6 50	33 50	13 50	47 00	2 00	2 75	1 50	2 00	2 00	3 00
Litchfield	6	219	1	4	.....	10	1	2,800	1	2,700	1	11	160	5 00	.....	15 00	15 00	.....	6 00	1 30	1 70	2 50	2 05
Litchfield Circuit	.....	150	...	1	.....	18	4	4,300	..	....	4	40	297	2 00	20 00	.....	20 00	1 00	1 00	.....	30	50	1 00
Shipman	5	119	1	2	1	5	1	3,000	1	1,000	1	15	125	10 00	30 00	.....	30 00	1 00	3 20	1 50	1 50	5 00	3 75
Saunton	14	165	3	1	.....	3	3	5,000	1	1,000	4	26	200	10 00	30 00	.....	30 00	1 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Upper Alton	6	150	2	1	8	10	1	4,500	1	1,500	1	22	156	12 00	41 50	33 50	75 00	4 50	3 80	3 50	2 90	3 50	2 90
Paradise	6	13	...	...	3	1	.....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	7 00	30 00	.....	30 00	5 00	5 00	2 50	2 50	5 00	5 00
Totals	225	2789	29	53	53	96	40	$112,000	13	$20,700	41	370	2974	$217 96	$825 11	$177 52	$1,002 63	$60 00	$ 137 25	$61 20	$66 50	$89 95	$67 50
LEBANON DISTRICT.																							
Beaucoup	9	237	5	3	3	7	5	3,000	...	.....	6	35	275	3 65	10 00	.....	10 00	1 00	2 00	1 70	1 30	30	40
Belleville	23	186	3	4	20	8	1	22,000	1	3,000	1	27	275	20 41	88 10	33 90	122 00	20 25	17 90	3 75	4 00	12 65	5 30
Carlyle	41	165	2	2	14	15	2	15,000	1	1,000	2	18	170	1 00	3 80	1 20	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Caseyville	.....	15	1	...	5	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	3	11	100	.....	3 00	2 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clement	4	165	1	17	5	2	2	3,000	...	.....	4	41	227	6 00	30 00	10 00	40 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00
Collinsville	3	114	....	2	2	3	1	6,000	1	1,200	1	22	178	6 00	25 00	5 00	30 00	2 50	5 40	1 50	3 00	1 50	1 50
E. St. Louis	.....	50	...	...	5	2	1	12,000	1	1,500	1	10	175	5 00	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	1 00	... ...	.....	1 00	.....
Freeburg	10	85	1	3	4	12	4	4,200	1	1,250	3	22	215	5 00	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	1 00	... .	.....	1 00	.....

Greenville	10	169	2	2	2	13	1	$ 7 000	...	....	1	24	300	$ 12 22	$ 48 00	.....	$ 48 00	.....	$ 3 25	$ 1 90	$ 2 00	$ 2 60	$ 3 25	
Greenville Circuit	65	284	4	6	4	15	5	7,000	1	$ 700	3	31	206	3 00	40 00	... .	40 00	$ 25	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	25	
Highland	.....	100	1	1	8	.....	1½	1,500	1	800	2	12	140	2 00	20 00	.....	20 00	2 00	50	50	.....	50	.....	
Lebanon	4	278	3	4	5	3	1	15,000	1	3,000	1	20	160	16 00	40 00	$ 30 00	70 00	25 65	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	
Nashville	3	120	1	1	3	.....	1	2,500	...	....	1	15	120	5 00	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	1 50	50	50	1 00	.....	
Pocahontas & Wisetown	15	325	1	4	5	9	6	4,200	2	1 000	2	15	115	10 00	45 80	....	45 30	50	2 00	40	50	1 50	1 00	
Shiloh	.....	100	2	3	1	2	2	1,300	1	1,800	2	27	184	8 20	70 00	.....	70 00	1 00	8 50	1 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	
Trenton	18	276	4	2	5	5	3	9,000	1	2,000	3	43	317	18 00	88 45	11 55	100 00	1 00	12 00	4 00	5 00	7 00	5 00	
Troy	.....	94	1	10	2	.....	2	3,500	1	400	2	14	80	3 00	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Venice	4	35	...	2	2	.....	2	6,000	...	... .	2	10	150	10 00	8 00	....	8 00	25	4 00	25	25	25	1 00	
Waterloo	5	65	1	1	4	.....	.....	2,800	1	800	4	25	145	2 00	... .	....	....	25	50	20	25	25	25	
Totals	214	2863	33	67	99	96	40½	$125,000	14	$ 18,450	44	422	3532	$ 136 48	$ 554 65	$ 93 65	$ 648 30	$ 58 65	$ 65 55	$21 17	$24 80	$37 55	$27 55	
Mt. Carmel Dist.																								
Belknap	68	166	1	6	5	27	4	1,100	...	.....	4	38	287	1 25	5 00	.....	5 00	25	50	25	25	25	25	
Belle City	24	171	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	700	...	.....	.....	1 20	11 25	.....	11 25	40	50	60	40	55	45	
Big Prairie	81	247	3	6	3	30	5	7,000	1	800	4	32	205	9 00	45 00	5 00	50 00	.....	7 00	3 00	3 00	4 00	4 00	
Burnsides	100	270	9	5	5	25	8	2,000	...	....	5	28	180	3 50	6 90	1 50	8 40	.....	1 40	55	60	2 00	85	
Carmi	10	120	...	2	.....	29	1	4,000	1	500	1	18	115	15 00	55 00	30 00	85 00	1 00	6 00	3 90	2 00	4 00	3 00	
Elizabethtown	.....	255	2	3	.....	...	3	3,000	1	400	3	28	110	....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	2 00	75	1 00	1 00	1 25	
Enfield	57	419	1	6	2	32	6	4,250	1	800	4	20	279	11 85	25 10	10 00	35 10	50	1 25	1 00	1 50	50	50	
Equality	5	400	7	...	5	.....	5	5,000	1	500	3	15	100	5 00	8 00	6 50	14 50	1 00	2 00	50	50	1 00	50	
Golconda	14	126	4	4	5	9	3½	1,350	...	....	2	12	60	3 20	2 75	2 25	5 00	30	2 00	25	35	75	30	
Grayville	.....	130	1	...	11	1	2	3,500	1	850	2	20	170	7 00	22 00	.....	22 00	.....	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	
Harrisburg	17	315	4	5	11	25	6	1,800	2	1,000	4	25	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Liberty	25	157	3	2	1	1	2	750	...	... .	4	16	110	3 00	15 00	.....	15 00	1 25	3 00	50	25	2 00	20	
McLeansboro	2	76	1	...	.....	.....	1	5,000	...	....	1	10	108	2 65	18 00	....	18 00	.....	1 00	35	25	50	35	
McLeansboro Circuit	20	260	4	2	5	15	4	1,000	1	150	8	60	400	... .	3 00	.....	3 00	.....	25	.....	25	25	.....	
Metropolis	9	100	...	6	5	.....	1	1,200	1	600	1	12	150	5 55	11 50	3 00	14 50	.....	70	1 00	1 10	10	45	
Middleton	48	250	1	6	....	4	4	1,000	..	....	6	35	940	5 40	10 00	.....	10 00	25	25	25	50	25	25	
Mt. Carmel	6	245	4	5	7	19	1	1,000	1	4,000	1	22	175	19 65	80 00	.....,...	80 00	1 00	7 00	2 50	2 60	5 50	1 75	
New Haven	11	256	5	9	.....	8	6	6,900	1	200	3	18	165	9 60	12 25	... .	12 25	50	3 00	1 00	1 00	3 00	1 50	
New Liberty	14	132	1	2	.....	15	3	3,600	1	10	6	27	140	....	2 00	....	2 00	35	50	50	25	50	25	
Pellonia	6	75	1	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	....	1	7	50	25	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Opdyke	25	117	3	2	10	7	2	4,000	...	... .	2	22	135	5 00	15 00	....	15 00	50	50	25	25	50	50	
Shawneetown	17	63	...	...	5	6	1	2,500	...	....	1	10	70	8 00	16 50	10 00	26 50	3 00	6 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	
Vienna	65	402	4	4	14	28	5	4,000	...	....	5	26	200	6 00	17 00	....	17 00	50	1 00	25	25	50	50	
Totals	624	4822	60	82	94	281	73½	$ 63,950	14	$ 10,510	71	501	4149	$ 94 85	$ 387 25	$ 68 25	$ 455 50	$ 10 80	$ 46 85	$20 50	$20 30	$31 15	$20 85	
Mt. Vernon Dist.																								
Ashley	25	115	...	...	.....	11	1	1,500	...	... .	1	13	125	8 75	16 00	12 14	28 14	10 00	1 20	1 20	2 00	1 20	1 20	
Benton	33	320	5	5	9	14	5	3,000	1	500	5	30	350	6 75	9 00	5 00	14 00	25	50	40	45	35	40	
Cairo	9	118	1	1	3	1	1	5,009	1	2,000	1	20	175	16 00	42 00	8 00	50 00	.....	12 00	3 00	3 00	6 00	3 00	

No. I. Statistics of Southern Illinois Conference for 1877.—Continued.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY.				SABBATH SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.									
															FOR MISSIONS.								
	Probationers.	Full Members.	Local Preachers.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	For Conference Claimants.	Churches.	Sabbath Schools.	Total.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Board of Church Extension.	Tract Society.	Sunday School Union of the M. E. Church.	Freedmen's Aid Society.	Education.
MT. VERNON D.—*Con.*																							
Carbondale	10	215	4	1	4	2	1	$ 3,000	...	.....	1	21	250	$ 12 00	$ 90 00	$ 8 25	$ 98 25	.....	$ 7 05	$ 1 50	$5 00	$3 50	$2 22
Carbondale Circuit	40	200	4	2	.....	4	2	2,000	...	.....	5	46	170	10 00	45 00	....	45 00	$ 00	50	25	25	50	50
Chester	7	182	4	4	3	3	2	7,000	...	.....	2	15	150	15 00	43 00	1 25	41 25	....	.....	3 60	7 00	2 00	2 00
Cobden	42	135	2	1	3	20	4	3,600	...	.....	4	20	150	2 80	15 00	.....	15 00	... ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Corinth	20	360	2	2	10	27	4	2.500	...	.....	5	25	200	5 00	55 00	.....	55 00	10	2 50	10	15	1 00	10
DeSoto	5	94	1	2	....	.....	3	2,100	1	$ 300	2	12	75	2 00	7 00	.....	7 00	.....	.....	20	20	.....	.....
DuQuoin	50	135	1	2	.....	10	2	6,400	...	.....	2	20	125	5 00	3 00	7 00	10 00	.....	1 00	50	50	50	50
Jonesboro and Anna	18	144	2	4	1	7	2	3,000	1	600	2	23	180	7 00	27 00	6 90	34 00	1 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	1 20	85
Marion	.....	350	4	...	9	44	3	2,000	1	500	3	40	275	5 00	96 00	.....	96 00	50	2 50	1 10	1 25	2 25	25
Mt. Vernon	6	331	4	2	10	3	1	5,000	1	2,500	1	17	225	25 00	57 89	34 11	110 00	.....	40 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	5 00
Mt. Vernon Circuit	30	300	5	8	3	20	6	8,000	1	1,000	5	35	300	8 00	34 50	.....	34 50	.....	3 50	90	1 00	1 00	1 00
Murphysboro	5	104	...	4	3	....	3	2,000	1	800	3	17	235	3 00	21 20	5 10	26 30	1 00	2 50	1 20	1 60	1 00	75
Pinckneyville	13	113	...	1	6	2	2	1,500	1	700	2	15	125	3 75	19 20	14 00	33 20	.....	1 00	3 10	1 50	.....	.....
Richview	20	203	5	6	6	2	1	4,500	...	.....	2	17	150	7 30	14 00	1 75	15 75	5 00	80	50	90	3 65	70
Sparta	3	70	1	3	7	.....	1	3,500	...	.....	1	12	90	6 00	15 50	14 50	30 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00
Spring Garden	50	175	...	...	1	10	3	1,500	1	300	4	26	227	3 00	8 00	.....	8 00	.....	.....	25	25	.....	.....
Tamaroa	6	254	3	2	8	15	3	4,000	1	300	4	30	200	4 00	8 00	8 00	16 00	50	1 00	50	50	50	50
Thebes	30	60	2	...	.....	.....	1	125	...	.....	2	12	60	4 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ullin and Mound City	33	160	3	2	3	2	2	4,400	2	800	6	30	230	5 50	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	2 00	50	.....	.....
Woodlawn	10	122	4	1	6	5	3	2,000	...	.....	2	15	191	3 00	6 00	4 00	10 00	... .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	465	4260	57	53	75	200	56	$ 77,125	13	$ 10,300	65	510	4258	$ 168 10	$ 657 29	$ 130 00	$ 787 29	$ 11 35	$ 83 05	$30 30	$39 55	$37 15	19 97
OLNEY DISTRICT.																							
Albion	20	239	2	3	6	10	8	5,400	1	500	7	82	600	23 00	116 00	9 00	125 00	.....	15 00	3 00	3 00	6 00	4 00
Bellair	52	166	...	7	....	.....	1	1,600	...	.....	6	48	300	6 00	40 00	.....	40 00	50	3 00	25	25	2 00	25
Bible Grove	20	224	5	2	.....	.....	4	4,000	1	300	2	20	200	12 40	... .	.....	10 50	.....	1 12	1 41	1 30	1 82	60
Bridgeport	1	286	1	12	21	14	3	4,800	1	1,000	3	34	250	20 00	55 00	.....	55 00	2 00	5 70	2 35	2 50	5 00	5 00
Clay City and Noble	17	225	...	2	1	1	3½	600	...	.....	3	34	300	10 00	43 70	6 30	50 00	50	2 00	35	25	2 05	25
Fairfield	15	175	...	2	.....	8	1	14,000	1	1,200	1	18	189	10 70	43 33	31 67	75 00	.....	5 00	3 00	2 25	1 00	4 00
Fairview	28	325	1	3	2	40	6	3,500	1	800	6	40	400	10 00	85 00	.....	85 00	1 00	1 00	50	50	1 00	1 00
Flora	15	201	2	3	3	11	1	4,000	1	1,000	1	17	220	10 00	20 00	40 00	60 00	1 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	5 50	1 50

Hebron	30	237	3	9	.....	4	.....	3,550	1	600	4	50	200	10 00	52 35	3 65	56 00	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	2 00	.....
Jeffersonville	5	240	2	2	.....	3	6	4,000	1	1,000	4	15	100	4 15	21 60	.....	21 60	.....	.....	50	25	.....	50
Louisville	29	114	1	3	1	2	2	3 500	...	.....	3	18	125	8 05	40 00	1 50	41 50	.....	4 00	2 00	1 30	2 00	1 00
Mt. Carmel Circuit	20	300	4	7	2	20	4	2,400	1	600	5	20	200	14 00	50 00	.....	50 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	3 00	1 00
Mt. Erie	2	233	4	9	3	2	2	3,000	1	1,500	3	25	175	10 85	26 60	6 10	32 70	50	1 25	2 55	2 35	1 50	2 25
Newton	4	208	2	1	3	13	3	4,000	....	.....	5	41	300	6 00	40 00	.....	40 00	2 00	4 00	1 00	2 00	3 00	1 00
Oblong	19	352	1	6	1	4	4	600	1	700	8	24	250	15 00	51 00	.....	51 00	1 00	1 55	50	50	2 00	1 00
Olney	55	390	3	3	5	33	1	8,000	1	2,700	1	41	450	15 00	50 00	40 00	90 00	5 00	10 00	1 00	1 50	2 00	1 00
Olney Circuit	20	440	2	7	5	6	7	8,000	1	200	6	30	300	13 00	70 00	1 50	71 50	.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....
Robinson	12	140	...	4	8	.....	3	6,000	1	800	2	25	150	6 00	40 00	.....	40 00	.....	2 00	1 50	1 25	1 00	.....
Sumner	247	741	5	...	24	78	8	10,000	1	400	10	86	702	22 50	115 00	.....	115 00	.....	10 00	3 00	3 00	5 00	3 00
Totals	611	5236	38	85	85	249	67½	90,950	15	13,300	80	668	5411	226 65	959 58	139 72	1,109 80	15 50	70 62	28 91	28 91	28 20	46 87
VANDALIA DISTRICT.																							
Altamont	19	254	1	3	2	29	1	1,200	...	.....	2	23	250	12 00	27 75	.....	27 75	2 25	2 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	2 00
Avina	24	252	11	5	4	2	2	2,400	1	600	5	53	372	11 75	29 00	.....	29 00	75	1 75	75	1 25	2 75	25
Centralia	25	275	4	3	13	16	1	7,000	...	.....	1	31	284	22 00	90 00	30 00	120 00	5 00	15 00	8 00	8 00	10 00	8 00
Effingham	91	136	2	2	8	10	1	5,000	...	.....	1	19	225	8 00	30 00	.....	30 00	10 20	3 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	3 00
Farina	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hagerstown	11	112	...	5	10	5	1	2,000	1	600	1	8	45	8 00	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	2 00	50	50	50	50
Irvington	3	128	...	1	1	7	2	2,000	...	.....	2	14	100	12 00	30 00	.....	30 00	2 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	3 00	1 00
Johnsonville	11	213	2	8	1	3	4	4,000	1	300	3	20	140	8 00	20 25	.....	20 25	25	4 05	1 62	1 62	1 62	1 62
Kinmundy	28	224	...	4	4	6	3	4,700	1	1,200	3	23	310	16 00	87 03	14 50	101 53	12 75	12 00	6 00	6 00	8 00	6 00
Mason	44	192	3	1	3	12	1	2,000	1	400	3	24	240	10 05	8 00	.....	8 00	.....	1 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Odin and Sandoval	14	142	1	1	.....	3	2	3,000	...	.....	1	11	70	7 06	27 50	4 00	31 50	.....	1 02	1 05	35	1 52	53
Pleasant Grove	12	300	1	3	1	39	3	2,500	1	800	3	35	180	7 50	8 00	.....	8 00	.....	50	50	50	50	.....
Patoka	30	190	4	5	.....	.....	3	3 500	1	500	5	38	248	7 00	18 55	6 00	24 55	1 00	1 00	50	50	2 00	50
Ramsey	15	175	6	3	2	10	3	3,000	1	400	3	20	150	8 55	15 00	.....	15 00	.....	4 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	50
Salem	18	126	2	2	2	6	1	8,000	1	1,300	1	16	130	16 00	30 00	15 00	45 00	.....	8 00	4 00	4 00	6 00	4 00
Salem Circuit	15	190	4	5	5	6	4	4,000	1	200	3	25	200	7 10	25 00	.....	25 00	1 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	4 00	2 00
St. Elmo	6	107	1	2	1	14	1	2,500	1	800	1	18	125	9 53	13 55	.....	13 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shobonier	6	128	5	1	7	4	.....	.....	1	300	1	8	50	9 95	16 80	.....	16 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....
Vandalia	56	175	2	4	3	28	1	15,500	1	2,500	1	21	229	31 00	77 00	30 00	107 00	45 00	12 00	6 00	8 00	7 30	8 00
Walnut Hill	25	221	3	5	7	22	4	5,000	1	500	5	37	240	13 30	41 00	6 00	47 00	2 00	1 25	2 00	85	2 20	2 20
Watson	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zenia	10	95	...	1	.....	1	.....	1,500	1	450	2	15	90	5 25	14 30	70	15 00	.....	1 40	35	50	90	1 50
Totals	463	3635	52	64	74	223	39	78,300	15	10,850	47	459	3678	229 94	618 73	106 20	724 93	82 20	78 47	40 27	42 07	61 29	42 20

No. I. RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY.				SABBATH SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.									
															FOR MISSIONS.								
	Probationers.	Full Members.	Local Preachers.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable value.	Parsonages.	Probable value.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	For Conference Claimants.	Churches.	Sabbath Schools.	Total.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Board of Church Extension.	Tract Society.	Sunday School Union of the M. E. Church.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	Education.
Alton	225	2789	29	53	53	96	40	$112,000	13	$26,700	41	370	2974	$ 217 90	$ 825 11	$ 177 52	$1002 63	60 00	$ 137 25	$61 20	$66 50	$89 95	$67 50
Lebanon	214	2863	33	67	99	96	40½	125,000	14	18,450	44	422	3532	136 48	554 65	93 65	648 30	58 65	65 55	21 70	24 80	37 55	27 55
Mt. Carmel	624	4822	60	82	94	281	73½	6[illegible],750	14	10,510	71	501	4149	94 85	387 25	68 25	455 50	10 80	46 85	20 50	20 30	31 15	20 85
Mt. Vernon	665	4260	57	53	75	200	56	77,125	13	10,300	65	510	4258	168 10	657 29	130 00	786 29	11 35	83 05	30 30	39 55	37 15	19 97
Olney	611	3236	38	85	85	249	67½	9[illegible],950	15	13,300	80	668	5411	226 65	959 58	139 72	1109 80	15 50	70 62	28 91	28 91	28 20	46 87
Vandalia	463	3635	52	46	74	223	39	78,300	15	10,850	47	459	3678	229 94	618 73	106 20	724 93	82 20	78 47	40 27	42 07	61 29	42 20
Grand total	2802	23605	269	404	480	1145	316½	547,325	84	84,110	348	2930	24002	1073 93	4002 61	71 534	4789 27	238 50	481 79	201 88	222 13	285 29	223 94
Last year	2645	23653	300	438	552	1109	320	586,750	86	94,260	350	3097	23036	1201 24	3542 61	649 54	4192 15	294 15	527 20	172 70	183 76	264 81	198 61
Increase	158	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	966	.....	462 00	65 80	597 12	.....	.....	29 18	38 73	21 37	21 48
Decrease	.....	48	31	34	72	.....	3½	39,425	2	10,150	2	167	.....	127 31	.....	.....	.....	55 65	45 41	.....	.....	.....	.....

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.

Elsah	Mt. Carmel Church,	$	7 00	McKendree College,	$	.....	East St. Louis Church,	$	.....	L. & P. Union,	$	.....	Western Seamen's Bethel,	$	.....			
Carmi	"	"	10 00	"	"	.....	"	"	.....	"	"	.....	"	"	.....			
Albion	"	"	8 40	"	"	.....	"	"	.....	"	"	.....	"	"	.....			
Olney	"	"	60 00	"	"	.....	"	"	.....	"	"	.....	"	"	.....			
Centralia	"	"	50 00	"	"	160 00	"	"	.....	"	"	~~18 25~~	"	"	.....			
Vandalia	"	"	.....	"	"	86 25	"	"	24 00	"	"	18.25	"	"	12 00			
Effingham	"	"	.....	"	"	16 00	"	"	8 00	"	"	.....	"	"	.....			

No. II. Statistics of Southern Illinois Conference for 1877.

CIRCUIT AND STATIONS.	COLLECTIONS, ETC.					SUNDAY SCHOOLS.													
	Support of Bishops	Building & Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages.	Claims for Ministerial Support.	Receipts for Ministerial Support.	Number of Sunday Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Scholars Fifteen Years Old and over.	Scholars under 15, except Infant Class	Scholars in Infant Class.	Average attendance of Teachers and Scholars.	Officers & Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers.	Conversions.	Library Books.	Total expenses of School this Year.	Sun. S. Classmates taken.	Sun. S. Advocates taken.	Sun. S. Journals taken.
ALTON DIST.																			
Alton	$10 00	$150 00	$1,200 00	$1,000 00	$1,000 00	1	20	180	40	50	90	145	18	60	2	500	$90 00	.....	100	35
Brighton	12 50	118 00	62 00	750 00	750 00	1	11	76	25	26	25	64	9	20	.....	100	29 00	.....	40	15
Brighton Circuit	10 00	.....	.....	500 00	500 00	2	14	100	45	34	21	75	14	26	.....	.....	40 00	.....	45	12
Bunker Hill	7 00	200 00	.....	750 00	750 00	1	25	203	64	69	70	183	25	41	10	436	106 00	100	100	18
Donaldson	5 00	.....	.....	400 00	370 00	5	26	150	92	38	22	150	26	75	26	75	12 00	.....	.....	1
Edwardsville	14 55	83 00	.....	800 00	855 00	1	14	110	30	55	25	58	6	13	.....	.....	16 00	.....	.....	11
Edwardsville Circuit	12 50	.....	1,000 00	650 00	540 00	2	15	97	66	31	.....	70	15	.....	.....	500	25 00	.....	20	7
Elsah	5 00	.....	500 00	700 00	520 00	2	13	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	35 00	.....	.....	12
Fidelity and Piasa	12 00	600 00	.....	700 00	700 00	2	30	200	100	75	25	150	27	75	12	.....	60 00	.....	40	25
Gillespie	8 00	80 00	76 00	800 00	800 00	5	48	310	125	135	50	195	47	65	1	325	46 00	.....	30	12
Grafton	8 00	800 00	.....	460 00	460 00	6	23	180	80	60	40	160	18	40	6	200	48 00	.....	50	20
Greencastle	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jerseyville	25 00	200 00	503 00	1,000 00	1,000 00	1	28	217	75	82	60	192	27	50	15	618	166 00	.....	100	48
Kane	3 75	417 00	.....	600 00	600 00	1	12	143	42	47	54	80	12	25	.....	60	45 00	50	50	12
Litchfield	.....	300 00	1,000 00	1,000 00	926 00	1	11	160	70	60	30	100	11	47	14	75	30 00	.....	.....	18
Litchfield Circuit	5 00	.....	.....	400 00	300 00	4	40	297	211	53	33	135	39	67	32	300	76 00	25	25	.....
Shipman	5 00	.....	.....	600 00	585 00	1	15	125	40	55	30	93	15	27	8	.....	85 00	100	100	15
Staunton	5 00	225 00	.....	625 00	625 00	4	26	200	40	125	35	150	20	15	10	200	20 00	.....	.....	12
Upper Alton	5 00	110 00	.....	700 00	650 00	1	22	156	36	60	66	110	22	12	6	300	40 00	.....	.....	14
Paradise	5 00	.....	.....	.....	125 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	158 30	3,283 00	4,341 00	12,435 00	12,056 00	41	393	2974	773	1055	676	2110	364	658	142	3739	969 00	275	700	287
LEBANON DIST.																				
Beaucoup	1 65	500 00	100 00	600 00	550 00	6	35	275	....	.....	.....	.....	34	150	4	.....	40 00	30	35	37
Belleville	20 00	10,700 00	.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	1	27	275	58	147	70	250	25	50	10	550	79 00	.....	.....	25
Carlyle	1 00	25 00	1,000 00	.....	.....	2	18	170	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	70	70	6
Caseyville	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 00	3	11	100	.....	.....	.....	90	6	8	.....	.....	.....	10	8	.....

Clement	6 00	17 00	300 00	600 00	505 00	4	41	227	113	75	25	170	27	64	5	.....	40 00	.....	94	13
Collinsville	5 00	.....	.....	800 00	800 00	1	22	178	25	73	60	150	12	10	5	.....	75 00	.....	.....	21
East St. Louis	.....	500 00	6,000 00	840 00	500 00	1	10	175	.....	.....	35	100	6	.....	.....	.....	35 00	.....	.....	7
Freeburg	.....	.....	1,250 00	300 00	300 00	3	22	215	130	65	20	180	21	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	14
Greenville	7 00	7,000 00	1,600 00	750 00	750 00	1	24	300	125	150	25	140	23	34	10	....	125 00	.....	.....	12
Greenville Circuit	1 00	50 00	125 00	625 00	387 00	3	31	206	92	64	47	186	31	116	14	162	30 00	.....	55	13
Highland	4 00	35 00	460 00	520 00	480 00	2	12	140	40	45	55	90	8	14	.....	.....	50 00	.....	.....	6
Lebanon	1 00	1,000 00	4,000 00	1,000 00	1,000 00	1	20	160	80	80	50	100	20	60	15	400	75 00	.....	75	12
Nashville	.....	10 00	.....	700 00	700 00	1	15	120	25	55	40	100	15	.....	.....	.....	30 00	.....	.....	15
Pocahontas & Wiset'n	3 00	.....	.....	800 00	600 00	2	15	115	30	40	45	10	10	15	.....	100	40 00	.....	.....	10
Shiloh	1 00	150 00	.....	650 00	462 00	2	27	184	60	64	60	17	24	16	.....	...	50 00	.....	20	9
Trenton	15 00	45 00	300 00	800 00	800 00	3	43	317	131	89	97	240	43	64	5	200	74 00	15	100	17
Troy	2 00	200 00	.....	866 00	600 00	2	14	80	.....	.....	13	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	40 00	25	25	5
Venice	2 50	.....	23 00	400 00	360 00	2	10	150	75	50	25	75	6	.....	1	.....	.....	15	15	10
Waterloo	2 00	.....	.....	500 00	450 00	4	25	145	.....	.....	.....	100	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	.....
Total	71 65	20,232 00	15,158 00	11,951 00	10,470 00	44	422	3532	984	997	667	1,998	345	601	94	1412	833 00	165	512	232
MT. CARMEL DIST.																				
Belknap	5 00	.....	.....	418 00	252 00	4	38	287	.....	.....	50	175	35	100	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Belle City	50	.....	430 00	500 00	196 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Big Prairie	7 00	123 00	.....	720 00	738 00	4	37	205	136	59	10	150	30	75	25	.....	49 00	.....	.....	16
Burnsides	1 70	500 00	150 00	375 00	253 00	5	28	180	86	54	20	121	21	34	18	32	4 00	.....	28	2
Carmi	6 00	106 00	.....	650 00	500 00	1	18	115	40	55	20	110	18	30	40	100	45 00	8	75	18
Elizabethtown	1 50	.....	.....	500 00	342 00	3	28	110	30	50	30	75	27	13	.....	.....	19 00	.....	25	7
Enfield	3 00	200 00	.....	550 00	430 00	4	20	279	167	90	30	225	20	200	30	100	40 00	.....	25	10
Equality	50	.....	.....	500 00	341 00	3	15	100	60	30	10	90	10	.....	.....	.....	18 00	.....	40	6
Golconda	3 00	22 00	100 00	528 00	317 00	2	12	160	50	120	.....	120	20	26	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	2
Grayville	3 00	.....	.....	550 00	473 00	2	20	170	50	120	.....	120	20	26	.....	50	51 00	.....	20	15
Harrisburg	2 00	.....	.....	600 00	315 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Liberty	3 50	.....	.....	400 00	176 00	4	16	110	86	24	.....	80	12	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
McLansboro	1 00	75 00	2,300 00	650 00	700 00	1	10	108	40	12	50	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 00	30	30	10
McLansboro Circuit	50	600 00	200 00	500 00	551 00	4	60	400	250	75	75	450	50	35	150	.....	35 00	.....	.....	50
Metropolis	2 00	75 00	.....	666 00	562 00	1	12	150	50	60	40	100	12	10	7	.....	.....	.....	100	4
Middleton	75	.....	.....	490 00	288 00	6	35	240	100	140	.....	150	28	50	8	150	80 00	.....	.....	12
Mt. Carmel	20 60	625 00	.....	850 00	850 00	1	22	175	45	100	30	120	22	61	28	342	150 00	.....	.....	20
New Haven	3 00	10 00	915 00	610 00	345 00	3	18	165	77	33	25	14	11	45	12	.....	9 00	.....	.....	7
New Liberty	1 00	.....	.....	340 00	188 00	6	27	140	60	45	35	80	25	90	35	100	19 00	.....	.....	22
Pellonia	.....	.....	.....	300 00	186 00	1	7	50	25	25	10	35	7	25	6	.....	5 00	.....	.....	6
Opdike	2 25	102 00	300 00	500 00	310 00	2	22	135	.....	.....	45	.....	14	19	.....	.....	15 00	.....	.....	12
Shawnetown	8 00	105 00	.....	800 00	800 00	1	10	70	30	20	20	60	9	20	10	100	70 00	62	62	8
Vienna	5 00	.....	3,000 00	620 00	520 00	5	26	200	125	75	40	175	20	100	100	50	15 00	.....	.....	.....
Total	80 20	2,543 00	7,395 00	12,617 00	9,635 00	63	481	3449	1457	1067	546	2,405	391	933	481	1024	651 00	100	405	227

No. II. Statistics of Southern Illinois Conference for 1877.—Continued.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	COLLECTIONS, ETC.					SUNDAY SCHOOLS.													
	Support of Bishops	Building & Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages.	Claims for Ministerial Support.	Receipts for Ministerial Support	Number of Sunday Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Scholars Fifteen Years Old and over.	Scholars under 15, except Infant Class	Scholars in Infant Class.	Average attendance of Teachers and Scholars.	Officers & Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers.	Conversions.	Library Books.	Total expenses of School this Year.	Sun. S. Classmates taken.	Sun. S. Advocates taken.	Sun. S. Journals taken.
MT. VERNON DIST.																			
Ashley	7 00	50 00	.....	550 00	550 00	1	13	125	75	25	25	120	40	28	6	.....	60 00	.....	75	14
Benton	3 00	.....	.....	500 00	.....	5	30	350	180	120	50	18	20	120	25	.....	30 00	.....	.....	14
Cairo	12 00	9 00	750 00	1,000 00	800 00	1	20	175	75	60	40	130	19	20	4	100	140 00	.....	100	25
Carbondale	8 25	.....	.....	1,900 00	900 00	1	21	250	80	107	63	155	21	15	5	.....	90 00	.....	100	20
Carbondale Circuit	5 00	.....	.....	600 00	500 00	5	46	170	75	50	35	200	40	50	12	.....	75 00	.....	.....	20
Chester	6 70	.....	.....	725 00	600 00	2	15	150	79	56	28	94	11	32	.....	50	60 00	.....	.....	12
Cobden	.....	100 00	600 00	540 00	245 00	4	20	150	.....	.....	.....	170	30	30	10	275	10 00	.....	.....	.....
Corinth	2 60	30 00	.....	630 00	412 00	5	25	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	200	10 00	.....	.....	16
De Soto	1 00	.....	.....	375 00	235 00	2	12	75	50	40	.....	40	12	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	20	6
Du Quoin	5 00	.....	.....	700 00	500 00	2	20	125	75	30	20	125	18	40	35	.....	35 00	.....	.....	15
Jonesboro and Anna	5 02	.....	.....	.....	480 00	2	23	180	65	70	45	182	18	32	15	150	67 00	65	65	17
Marion	3 00	10 00	.....	600 00	600 00	3	40	275	150	90	35	235	40	250	107	80	75 00	.....	50	25
Mt. Vernon	16 00	300 00	.....	850 00	860 00	1	17	225	57	98	75	143	20	125	.....	.....	49 00	80	.....	16
Mt. Vernon Circuit	1 00	140 00	.....	600 00	500 00	5	35	300	200	65	35	200	250	215	20	30	100 00	.....	.....	30
Murpheysboro	2 00	.....	600 00	700 00	475 00	3	17	235	.....	.....	70	12	12	.....	.....	.....	75 00	30	30	12
Pinckneyville	.....	20 00	.....	600 00	361 00	2	15	125	60	65	30	12	14	50	.....	.....	75 00	.....	.....	15
Richview	1 30	.....	.....	600 00	525 00	2	17	150	75	50	25	126	14	45	.....	.....	50 00	.....	50	17
Sparta	2 25	450 00	.....	705 00	540 00	1	12	90	25	25	10	60	12	10	.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....	11
Spring Garden	1 40	.....	.....	500 00	250 00	4	26	227	112	86	30	175	26	130	8	300	40 00	.....	.....	14
Tamaroa	3 00	200 00	100 00	600 00	421 00	4	30	170	70	100	40	200	30	100	8	.....	30 00	25	.....	20
Thebes	50	.....	.....	90 00	67 00	2	12	60	30	20	10	40	8	11	28	150	5 00	.....	.....	.....
Ullin and Md. City	2 00	90 00	110 00	720 00	555 00	6	30	230	.....	.....	.....	220	25	70	.....	.....	25 00	.....	75	10
Woodlawn	1 00	.....	.....	400 00	200 00	2	15	191	67	94	30	131	15	63	9	200	28 00	.....	30	12
Total	89 02	1,399 00	2,160 00	13,565 00	10,566 00	65	511	4228	1600	1251	716	2788	720	1436	292	1535	1,159 00	200	595	341
OLNEY DIST.																				
Albion	12 00	.....	.....	750 00	750 00	7	82	600	200	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	150 00	.....	240	34
Bellair	3 00	.....	.....	400 00	210 00	6	48	300	180	70	50	230	40	50	10	200	30 00	.....	60	30

Bible Grove	2 00		300 00	450 00	254 00	2	20	200					20						
Bridgeport	12 00			600 00	500 00	3	34	250					30		2		30 00		24
Clay City and Noble	11 25	200 00	350 00	600 00	600 00	3	34	300	145	100	62	248	30	150	8		70 00		20
Fairfield	1 00	25 00	3,020 00	1,000 00	1,000 00	1	18	189	83	70	36	157	18	75	18	50	85 00	100	100	20
Fairview	12 00	300 00		614 00	560 00	6	40	400	200	100	100	35	275	100						
Flora	11 25	100 00		700 00	700 00	1	17	220	120	50	50	155	17	75	21		25 00	75	75	15
Hebron	9 00	15 00		560 00	525 00	4	50	200												10
Jeffersonville	1 00					4	15	100												
Louisville	6 00		950 00	800 00	474 00	3	18	125				100	15		7				60	18
Mt. Carmel Circuit	3 00	40 00	70 00	600 00	550 00	5	20	200	50	150	10	175	20	150	40		20 00		1	8
Mt. Erie	5 00		40 00	600 00	600 00	3	25	175	80	65	30	150	25	60	3		41 00		40	26
Newton	5 00	100 00	350 00	600 00	340 00	5	41	300	156	144		205	33	52	6	36	63 00			12
Oblong	10 50			550 00	500 00	8	24	250												
Olney	5 00	30 00	11 00	1,080 00	1,080 00	1	41	450	120	200	130	274	41	183	75		116 00			30
Olney Circuit	5 00			740 00	600 00	5	30	350							8				100	12
Robinson	2 00	100 00		600 00	600 00	2	25	150			25	150	16	25			50 00	16		
Sumner	15 00		1,500 00	950 00	950 00	10	86	792	350	352	100	484	86	400	120	140	136 00		86	37
Total	131 00	910 00	6,591 00	12,194 00	10,793 00	79	668	5461	1684	1701	593	2363	666	1,320	338	426	816 00	191	762	296
VANDALIA DIST.																				
Altamont	6 00			575 00	500 00	2	23	250	140	60	40	200	23	100	50	50	30 00		75	25
Avena	4 60	25 00	150 00	500 00	450 00	5	53	372	193	149	54	270	48	72	6	390	55 00	60	149	25
Centralia	20 00			1,000 00	1,000 00	1	31	284	62	166	56	200	30	75	37		100 00		100	22
Effingham	5 25	78 00	500 00	811 00	811 00	1	19	225	100	75	50	149	14	66	52		99 00		100	17
Farina																				
Hagerstown	2 00	20 00		460 00	460 00	1	8	45	14	21	10	40	8	20	3		10 00	52		9
Irvington	6 00	60 00		350 00	365 00	2	14	100	55	45		70	14	65	30	50	15 00			7
Johnsonville	4 05			450 00	400 00	3	20	140	40	50	50	120	20	50	5	100	35 00			7
Kinmundy	10 00			650 00	650 00	3	23	370	80	80	50	186	23	120	25	100	110 00		80	14
Mason	1 50			650 00	326 00	3	24	240			20	200	20	75	40		10 00			6
Odin and Sandoval		75 00		500 00	400 00	1	11	70	30	20	20	8	11				41 00		35	17
Pleasant Grove	3 00	1,700 00		422 00	300 00	3	35	180					35	150	60		40 00			
Patoka	3 00		250 00	560 00	300 00	5	38	248	112	113	36	170	30	51		400	26 00		15	6
Ramsey	3 00	200 00		450 00	275 00	3	20	150				160					20 00			15
Salem		100 00	350 00	500 00	500 00	1	16	130	50	50	30	100	12	30	12		50 00			14
Salem Circuit	3 60	1,415 00	500 00	473 00	294 00	3	25	200	130	45	25	130	24	90	7					6
St. Elmo	3 00			350 00	350 00	1	18	125	15	15	10	100	18	40	8	300	40 00			14
Shebonier	3 30		160 00	300 00	170 00	1	8	50				40	8	15	8	25	5 00		10	6
Vandalia	20 00	719 00	5,130 00	1,000 00	1,000 00	1	21	229	95	66	68	131	20	67	35	175	105 00	90	90	24
Walnut Hill	3 65	18 00		500 00	444 00	5	37	240	85	115	40	176	36	105	33	230	29 00			
Watson																				
Zenia	3 00			500 00		2	15	90	50	20	20	65	14	22	5		25 00		50	8
Total	104 95	4,410 00	7,040 00	10,940 00	8,994 00	47	459	3738	1251	1090	579	2515	408	1213	416	1820	845 00	202	704	242

No. II. RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	COLLECTIONS, ETC.					SUNDAY SCHOOLS.														
	Support of Bishop.	Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages	Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Claims for Ministerial Support	Receipts for Ministerial Support	No of Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Scholars fifteen years old and over	Scholars under fifteen, except infant class	Scholars in infant class.	Average Attendance of Teachers and Scholars.	Officers and Teachers who are Church members and Probationers.	Scholars who are Church members and Probationers.	Conversions.	Library Books.	Total Expenses of School this year.	Sunday School Classmates taken.	Sunday School Advocates taken.	Sunday School Journals taken.
Alton	158 30	3,283 00	4,341 00	12,435 00	12,056 00	41	393	2974	773	1055	676	2110	364	658	142	3739	969 00	275	700	287
Lebanon	71 65	20,232 00	15,158 00	11,951 00	10,470 00	44	422	3532	984	997	667	1998	345	601	94	1412	833 00	165	512	232
Mt. Carmel	80 20	2,543 00	7,395 00	12,617 00	9 635 00	63	481	3449	1457	1067	546	2405	391	933	481	1024	651 00	100	405	227
Mt. Vernon	89 02	1,399 00	2,160 00	13,565 00	10,566 00	65	511	4228	1600	1251	716	2788	720	1436	292	1535	1159 00	200	595	341
Olney	131 00	910 00	6,591 00	12,194 00	10,793 00	79	668	5461	1684	1701	593	2363	666	1320	338	426	816 00	191	762	296
Vandalia	104 95	4.410 00	7,040 00	10,940 00	8,994 00	47	459	3738	1251	1090	579	2515	408	1213	416	1820	845 00	202	704	242
Grand Total	665 72	32.777 00	42,185 00	71,702 00	62,214 00	339	2934	23382	7749	7161	3777	14179	2894	6181	1763	9956	$5273 00	1133	3678	1625
Last Year	270 70	27 705 00	23,784 00	76,510 00	61,069 00	342	2944	22897	8241	6612	3809	15046	2395	6149	1447	10155	5479 00	1804	3320	1577
Increase	395 02	5,072 00	18,401 00	.....	1,145 co	.....	.....	485	.....	549	.....	.....	499	32	316	.....	.....	.....	358	48
Decrease	.....	.....	.....	4,808 00	.....	3	10	.....	492	.....	32	867	.....	.....	.....	199	206 00	471	.....	.....

LIST OF

PREACHERS' ADDRESSES.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	COUNTY.
Allyn, R.	Carbondale	Jackson
Artz, J. S.	Thebes	Alexander
Bache, A.	Bellair	Crawford
Baird, J. A.	McLeansboro	Hamilton
Bartley, A.	Oblong	Crawford
Bascom, N.	New Liberty	Pope
Bascom, P. C.	Shobonier	Fayette
Benner, T. R.	Sulphur Springs	Williamson
Blair, F. O.	Lebanon	St. Clair
Bliss, A.	Carlyle	Clinton
Bonner, C. W.	DuQuoin	Perry
Bottorff, C. N.	Walnut Hill	Marion
Boyer, J. J.	Enfield	White
Brannine, G. W.	————	(State of) Kansas
Brooks, S.	Mt. Vernon	Jefferson
Browder, W. A.	McLeansboro	Hamilton
Brown, W. F.	Clay City	Clay
Bruner, W. B.	Green Castle	Madison
Butler, G. W.	Murpheysboro	Jackson
Caldwell, J. W.	Godfrey	Madison
Campbell, A.	Beaucoup	Washington
Carson, J.	New Hebron	Crawford
Carter, R. M.	Newton	Jasper
Casey, L.	Irvington	Washington
Caughlin, D.	East St. Louis	St. Clair
Clark, O. H.	Centralia	Marion
Cline, C. E.	Mt. Vernon	Jefferson
Cooksey, N. B.	Altamont	Effingham
Corrington, J. B.	Dorchester	Macoupin
Cullom, G. W.	Troy	Madison
Cullom, L. F.	Opdyke	Jefferson
Cunningham, J. L.	Golconda	Pope
Davis, W. F.	Altamont	Effingham
Davis, T. J.	Marion	Williamson
Delicate, H.	Fielden	Jersey
De Motte, McK.	Grafton	Jersey
Deneen, W. L.	Lebanon	St. Clair
Dickson, W. C.	Belmont	Wabash

Downey, A. L.	Tamaroa	Perry
Downs, F. W.	Highland	Madison
Earp, J.	Lebanon	St. Clair
Eaton, T. A.	Collinsville	Madison
Elam, D.	Farina	Fayette
English, L. C.	Staunton	Macoupin
Evers, V. C.	Ash Ridge	Massac
Fahs, R. Z.	Brighton	Macoupin
Farmer, G. W.	Elsah	Jersey
Field, J. W.	Vienna	Johnson
Flint, J. W.	Corinth	Williamson
Gibson, J.	Greenville	Bond
Gifford, L.	Woodlawn	Jefferson
Gillham, J.	El Dorado	Saline
Gillham, J. D.	Litchfield	Montgomery
Grabe, G. W.	Kinmundy	Marion
Greene, J. C.	Elizabethtown	Hardin
Greenlaw, A. L.	Kane	Jersey
Groves, S. P.	Gillespie	Maucoupin
Hampton, J. A.	Mulberry Grove	Bond
Harmon, N. E.	Medora	Jersey
Harper, L. A.	Johnsonville	Wayne
Harrington, S. J.	Moccasin	Effingham
Harris, J.	Carmi	White
Herdman, T. H.	Vandalia	Fayette
Hill, J. H.	Nashville	Washington
Hobbs, J.	Belle Prairie	Hamilton
Holding, C. B.	Pinckneyville	Perry
Holliday, C. M.	O'Fallon	St. Clair
Hooker, P. S.	Elizabethtown	Hardin
House, M.	Chester	Randolph
Howren, A. L.	Litchfield	Montgomery
Houser, D. F.	Jeffersonville	Wayne
Houts, C. J.	Okawville	Washington
Hoyt, E. A.	Carmi	White
Hughey, G. W.	Alton	Madison
Hutchcraft	School	White
Jay, C. F.	Steele's Mills	Randolph
Johnson, Jas.	Patoka	Marion
Johnson, J. T.	Mt. Vernon	Jefferson
Johnson, T. N.	DuQnoin	Perry
Jones, O. V.	Lebanon	St. Clair
Joy, E.	Mound City	Pulaski

Kennedy, T. R.	Cobden	Union
King, M. L.	Iuka	Marion
Laird, J.	Pocahontas	Bond
Lane, J. W.	Olney	Richland
Lathrop, E.	Jonesboro	Union
Laughlin, R. W.	Steele's Mills	Randolph
Leeper, J.	Olney	Richland
Lingenfelter, C. D.	Mt. Erie	Wayne
Lingenfelter, V. D.	Calhoun	Richland
Locke, J. W.	Lebanon	St. Clair
Lopas, T. C.	Benton	Franklin
Lowe, J. W.	Carbondale	Jackson
Mabry, W. D.	Flora	Clay
McGriff, J. H.	Equality	Gallatin
McMorrow, W.	McLeansboro	Hamilton
Manier, R. H.	Hawthorne	White
Manifold, H.	Ramsey	Fayette
Massey, R. H.	Wanda	Madison
Massey, T. J.	Xenia	Clay
Maxey, S. T.	Ullin	Pulaski
Maxey, J. J.	Spring Garden	Jefferson
May, E.	Bridgeport	Lawrence
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